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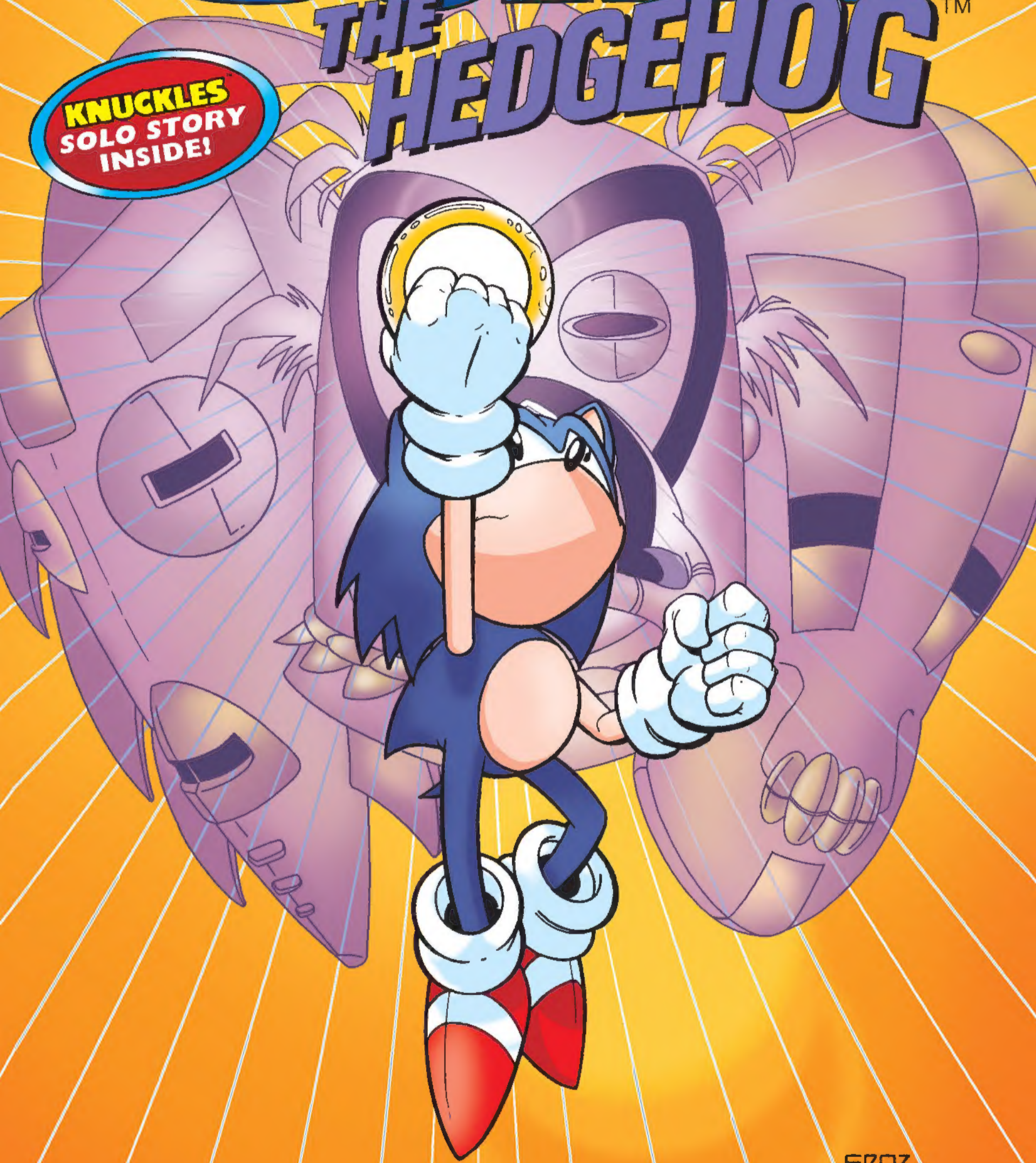
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in

RING of TRUTH!

PART I

THOUGHT HE ELUDED
THE EVIL DR. IVO ROBOTNIK...
BUT I'VE AMBUSHED HIM!

SKTOOM!

AAAGH!
YOU SNEAKY
ROBORAT! YOU
MADE ME DROP
ALL THE MAGIC
RINGS I
GATHERED!

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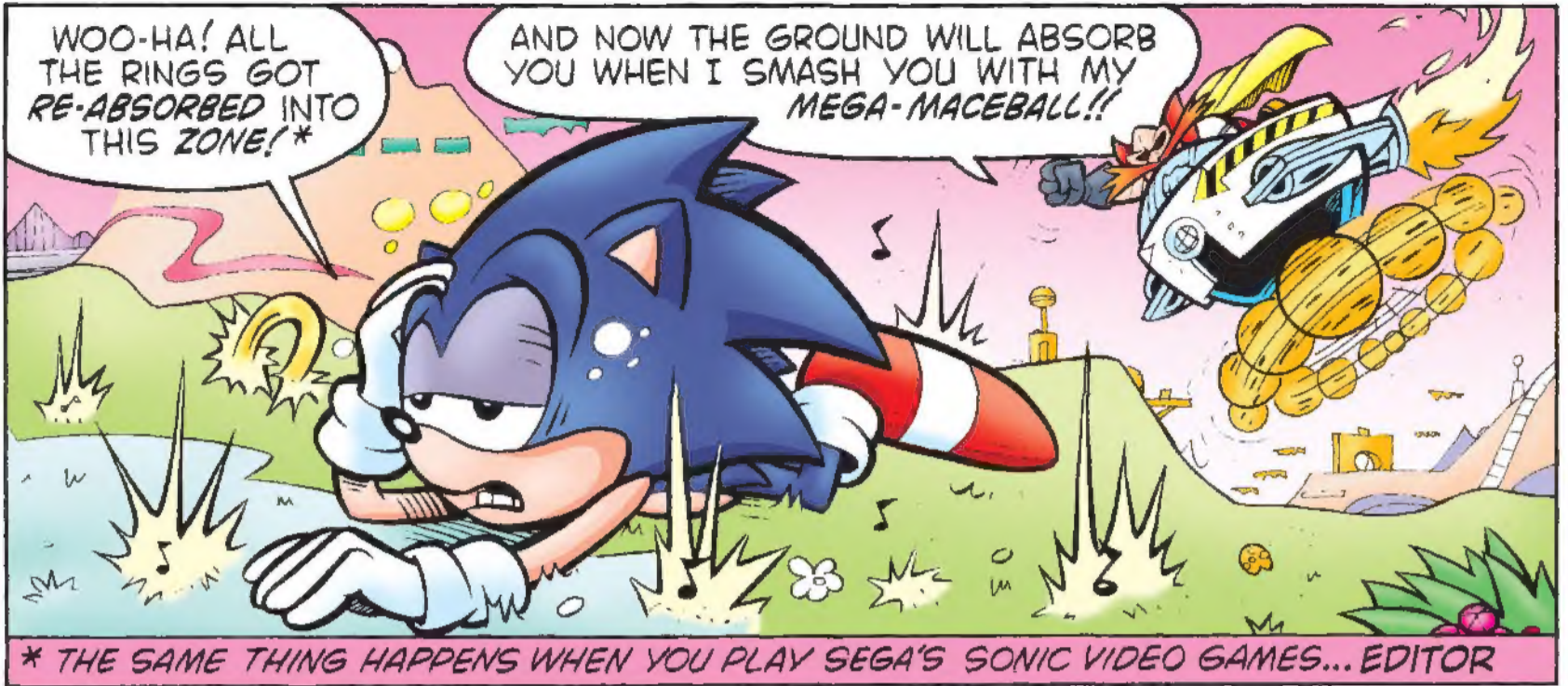
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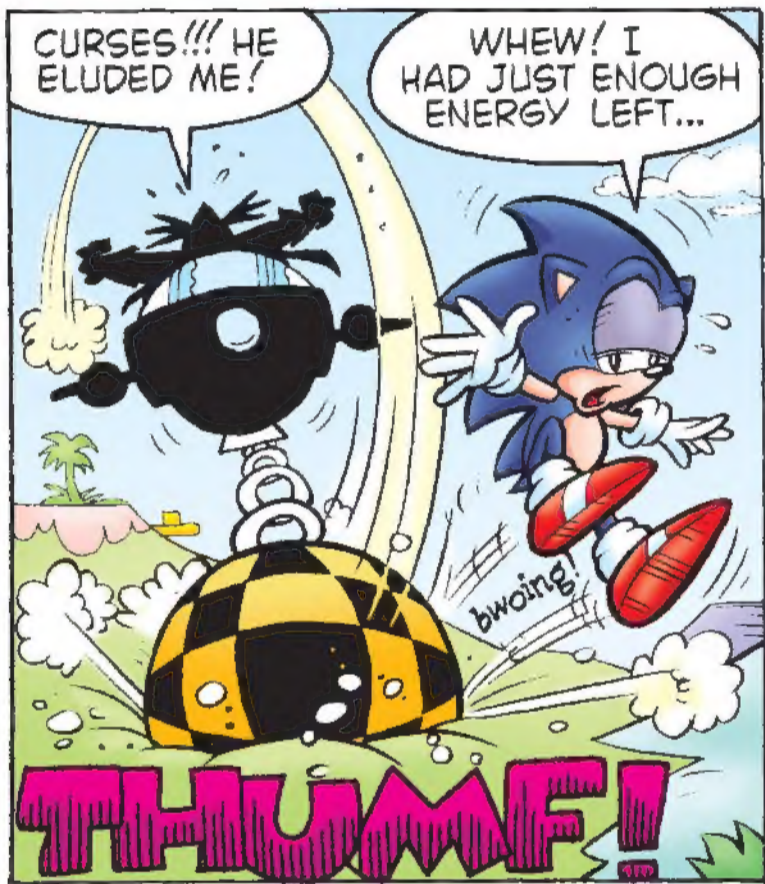




WOO-HA! ALL THE RINGS GOT RE-ABSORBED INTO THIS ZONE!*

AND NOW THE GROUND WILL ABSORB YOU WHEN I SMASH YOU WITH MY MEGA-MACEBALL!!

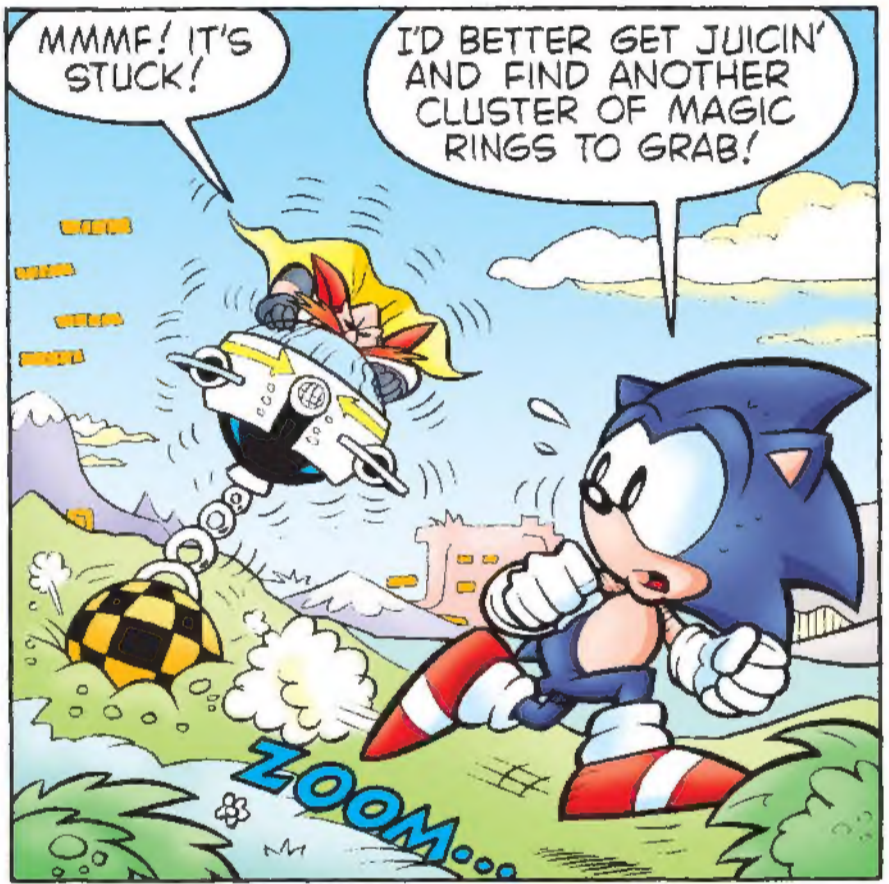
* THE SAME THING HAPPENS WHEN YOU PLAY SEGA'S SONIC VIDEO GAMES... EDITOR



CURSES!!! HE ELUDED ME!

WHEW! I HAD JUST ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT...

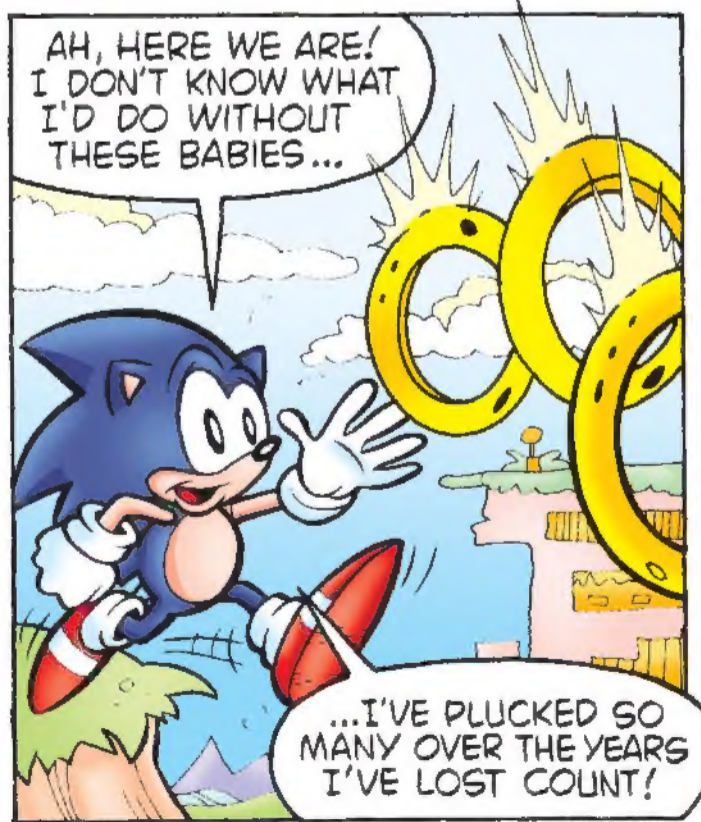
THUMF!



MMMF! IT'S STUCK!

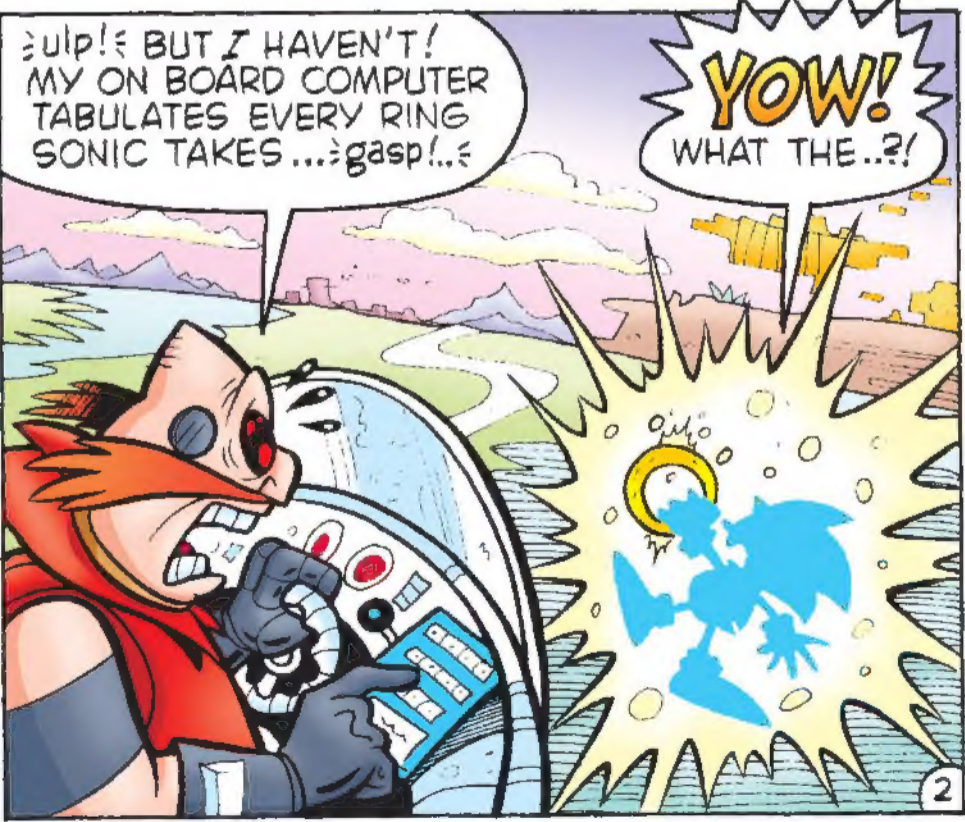
I'D BETTER GET JUICIN' AND FIND ANOTHER CLUSTER OF MAGIC RINGS TO GRAB!

ZOOM...



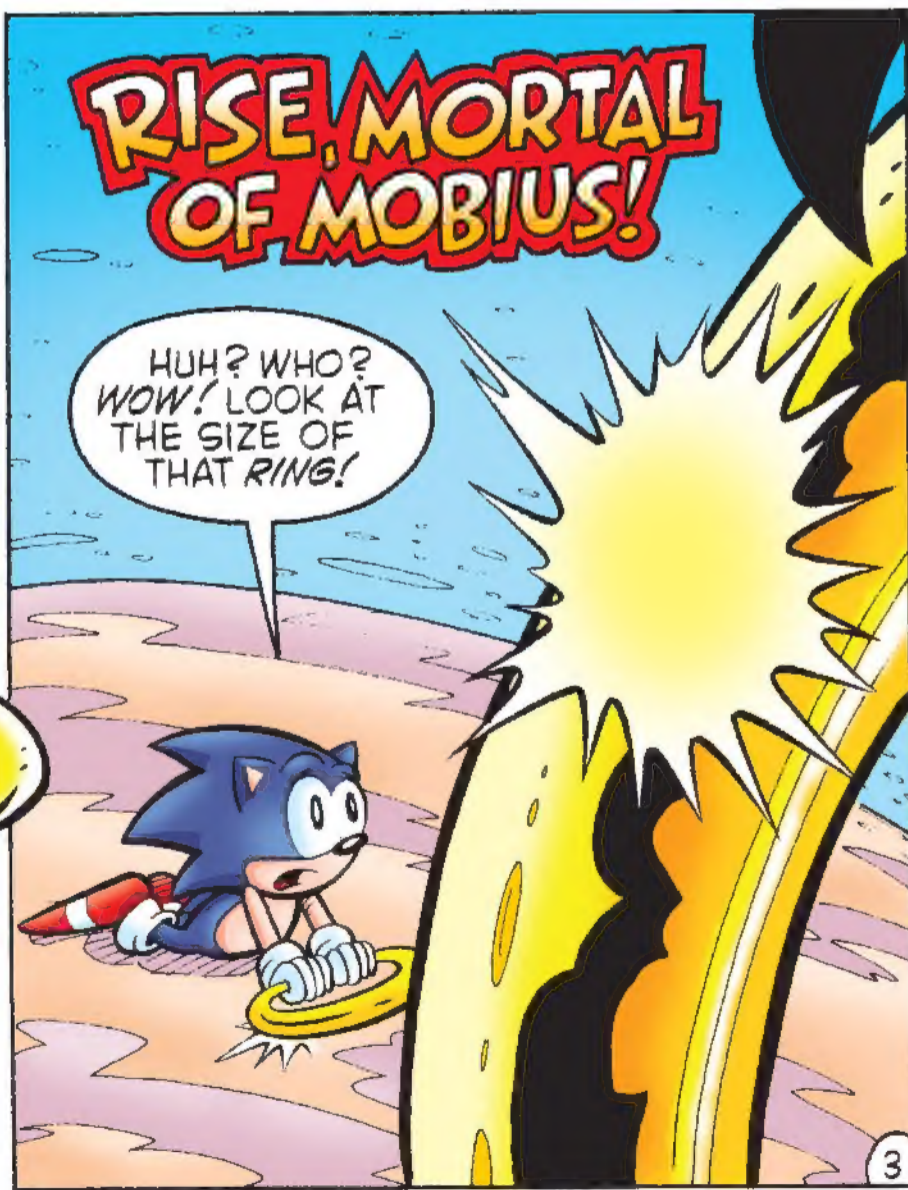
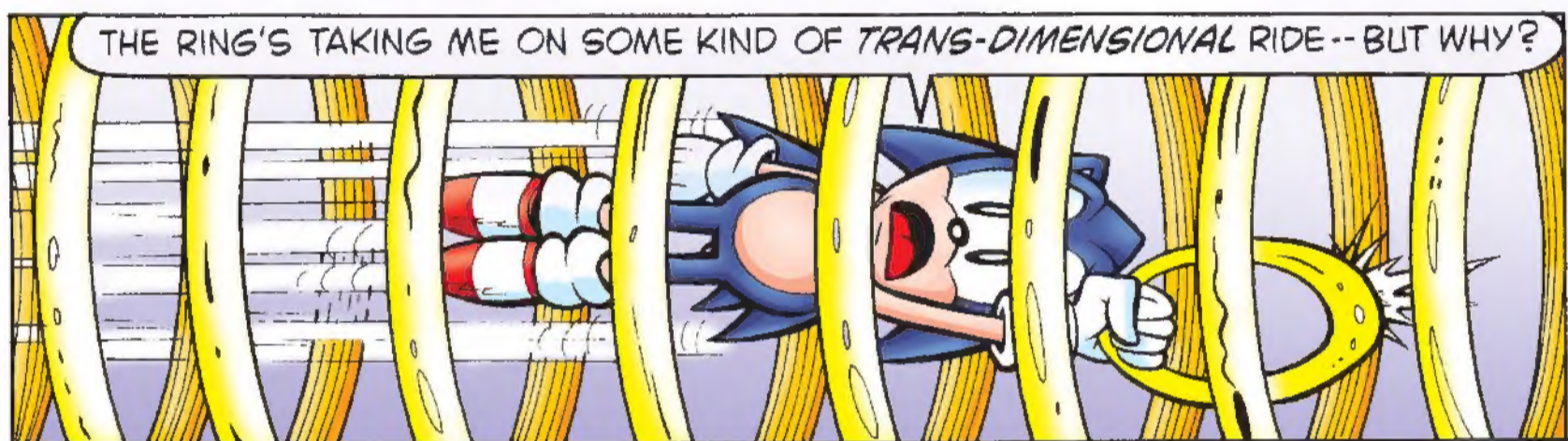
AH, HERE WE ARE! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT THESE BABIES...

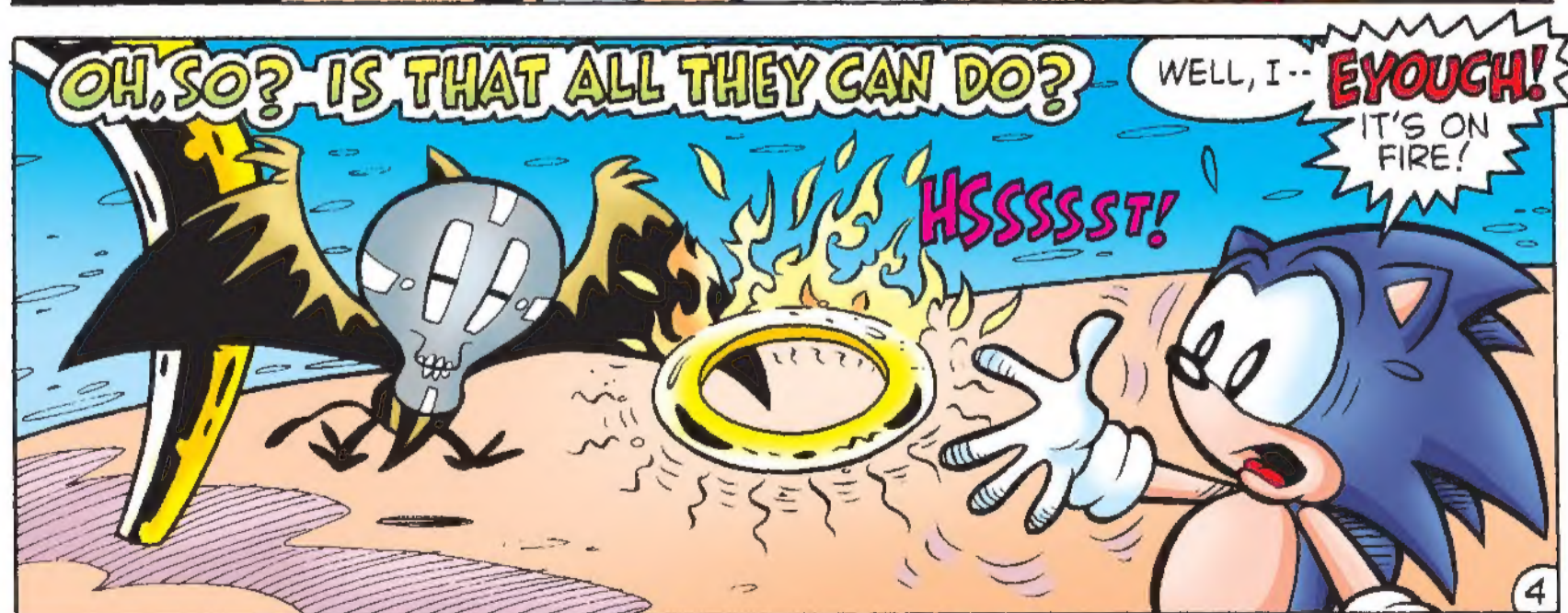
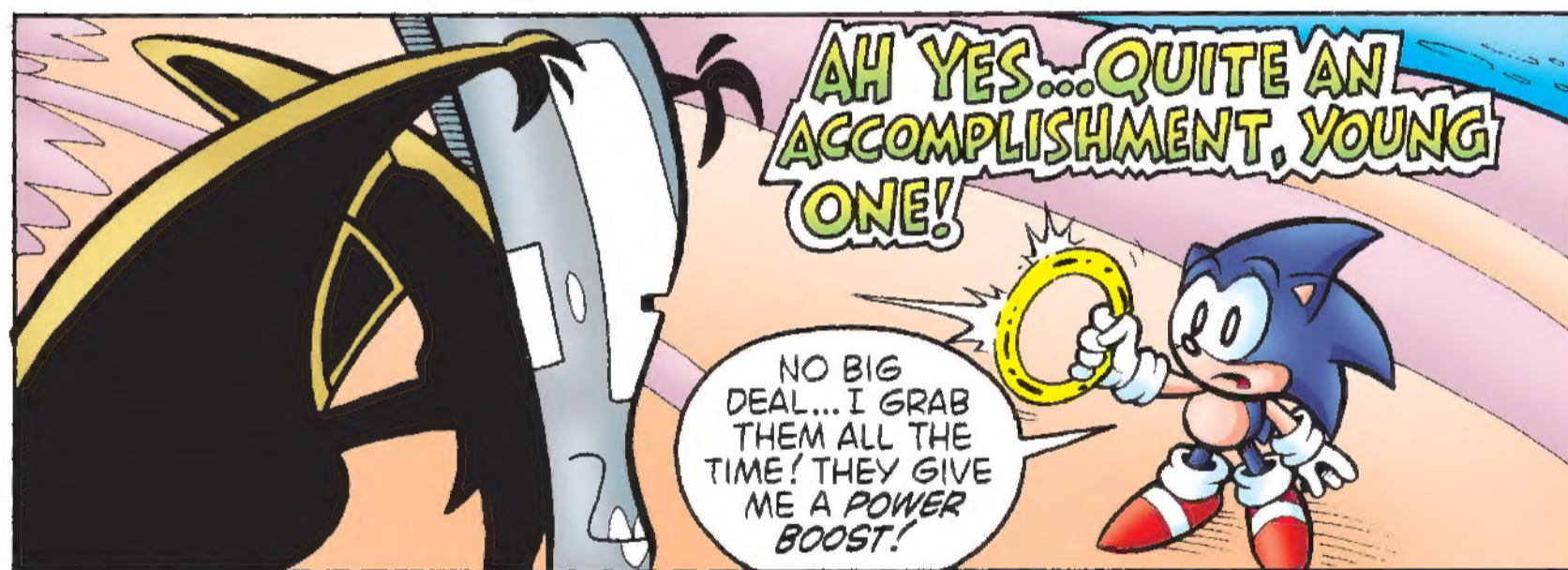
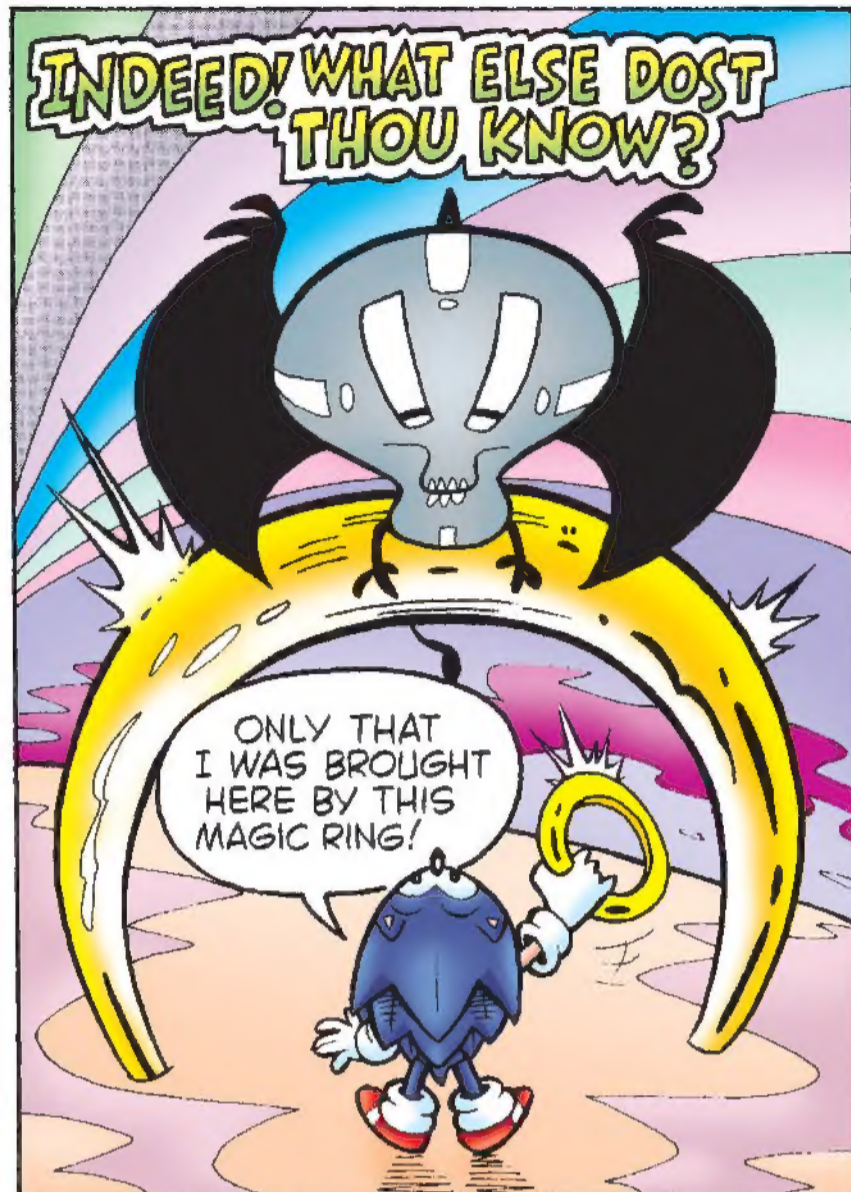
...I'VE PLUCKED SO MANY OVER THE YEARS I'VE LOST COUNT!

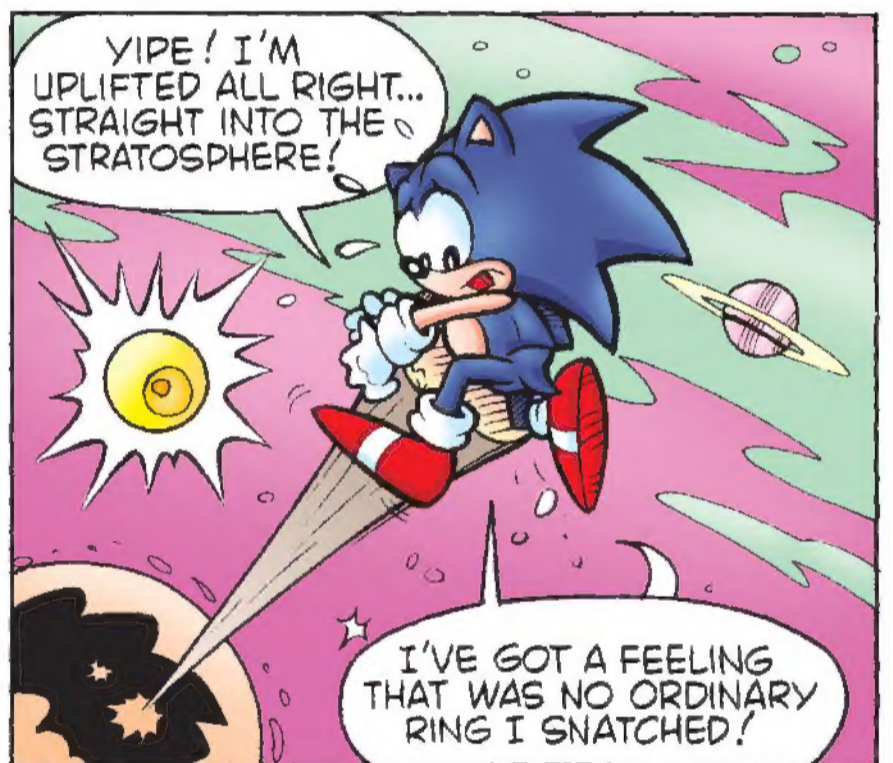
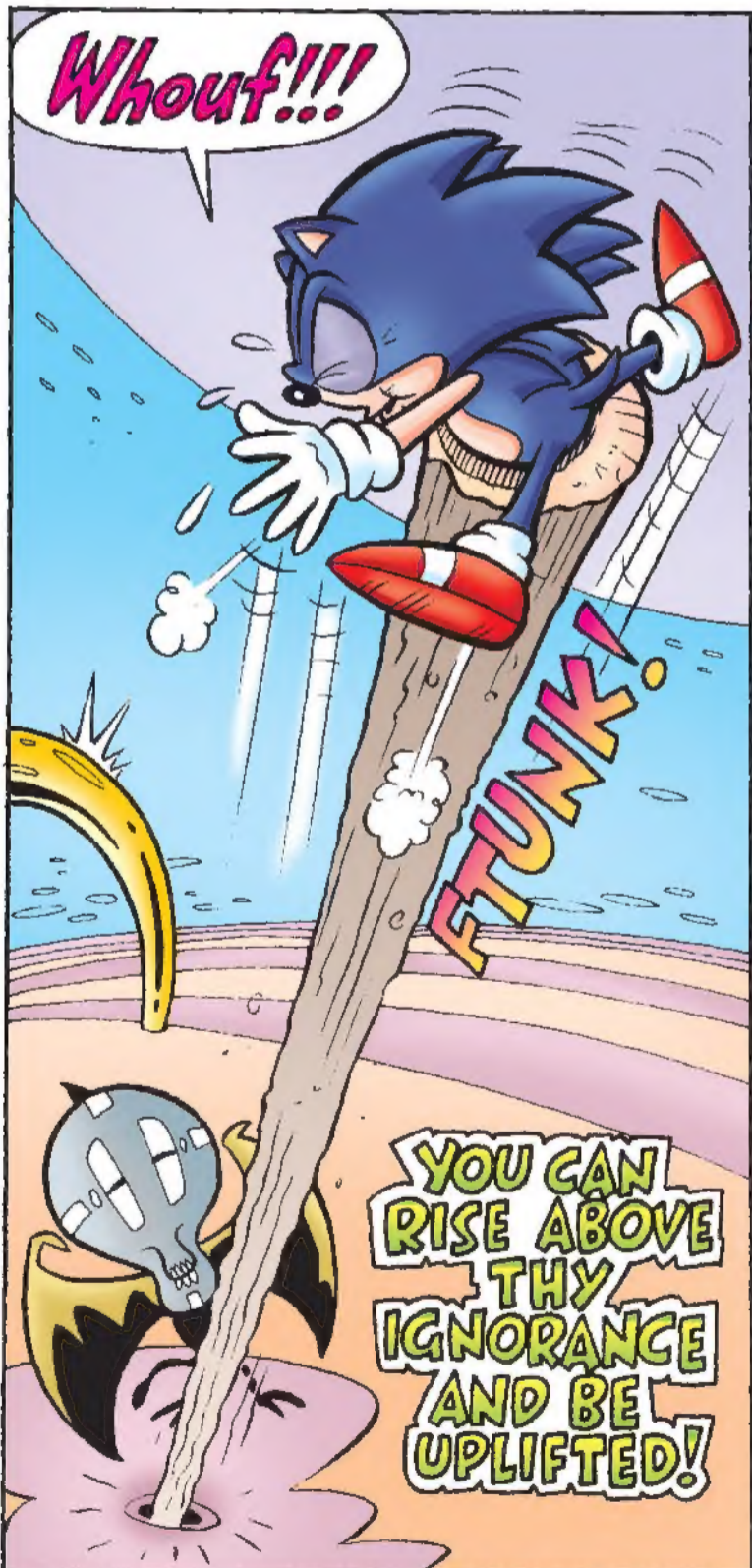
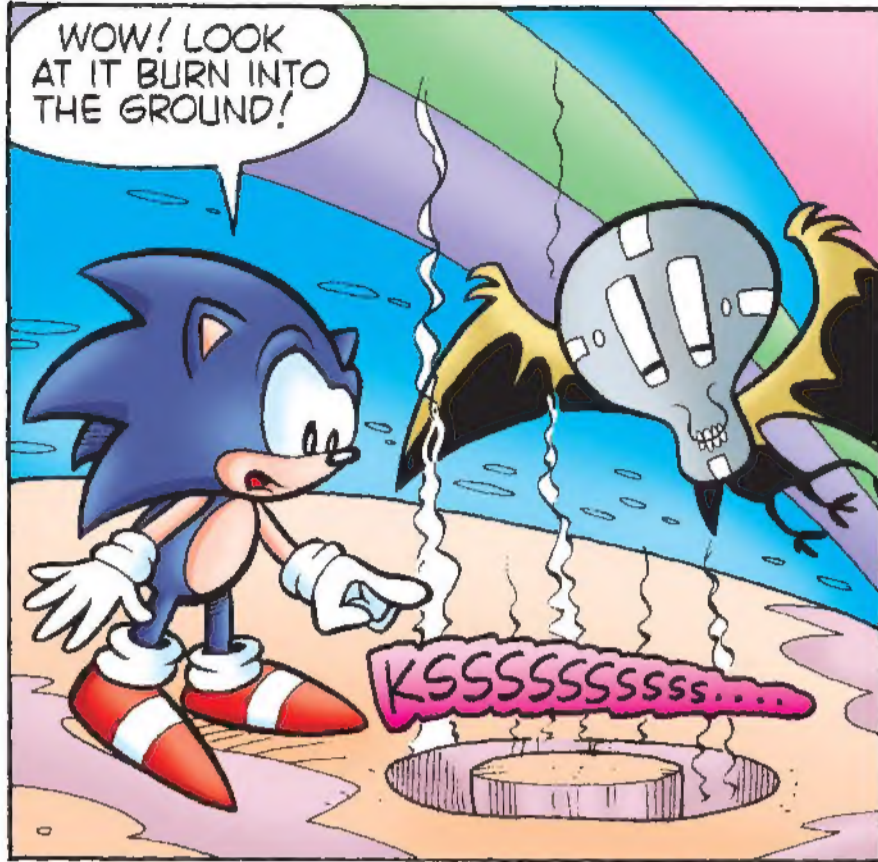


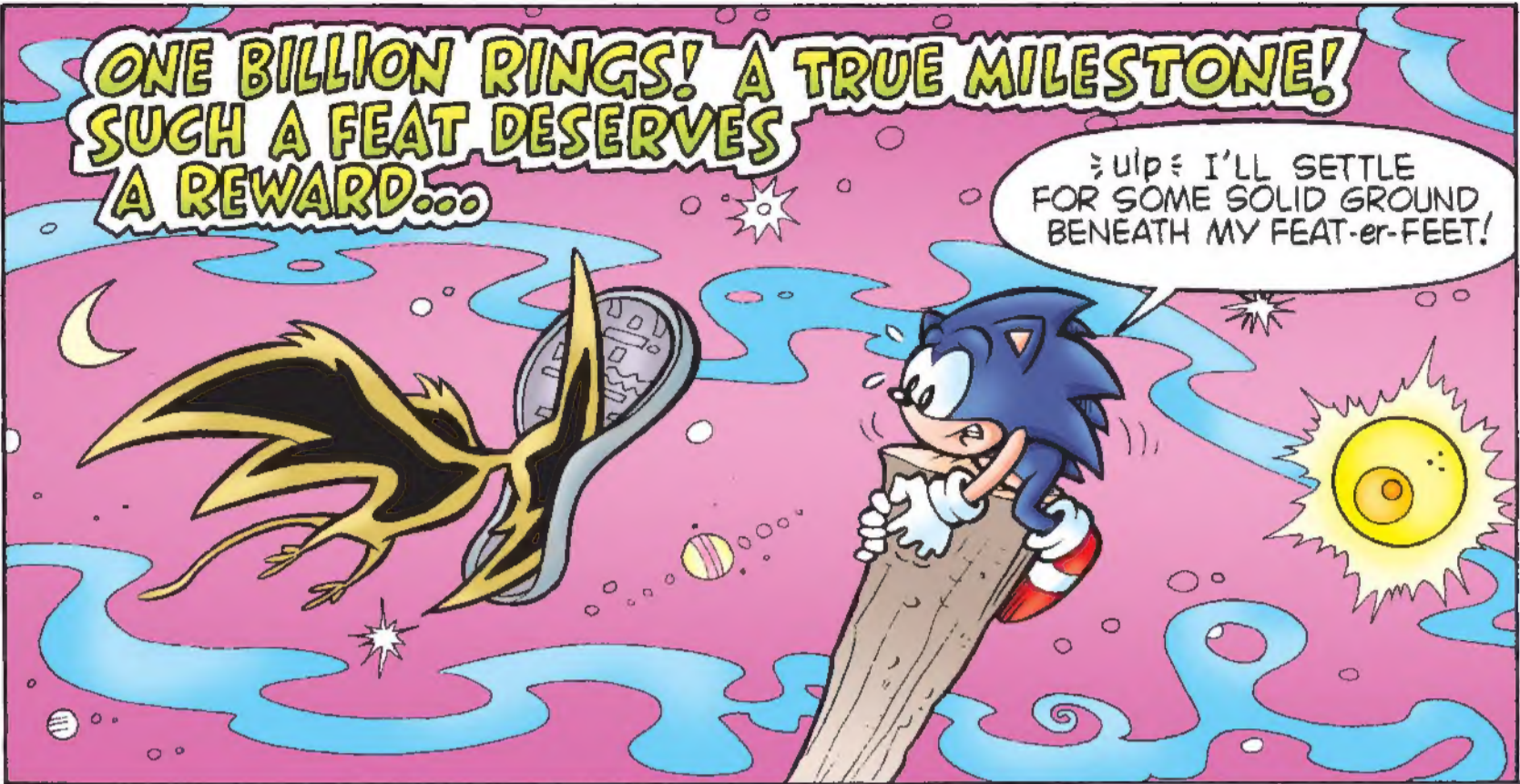
!ulp! BUT I HAVEN'T! MY ON BOARD COMPUTER TABULATES EVERY RING SONIC TAKES ...gasp!...

YOW!
WHAT THE..?!









**ONE BILLION RINGS! A TRUE MILESTONE!
SUCH A FEAT DESERVES
A REWARD...**

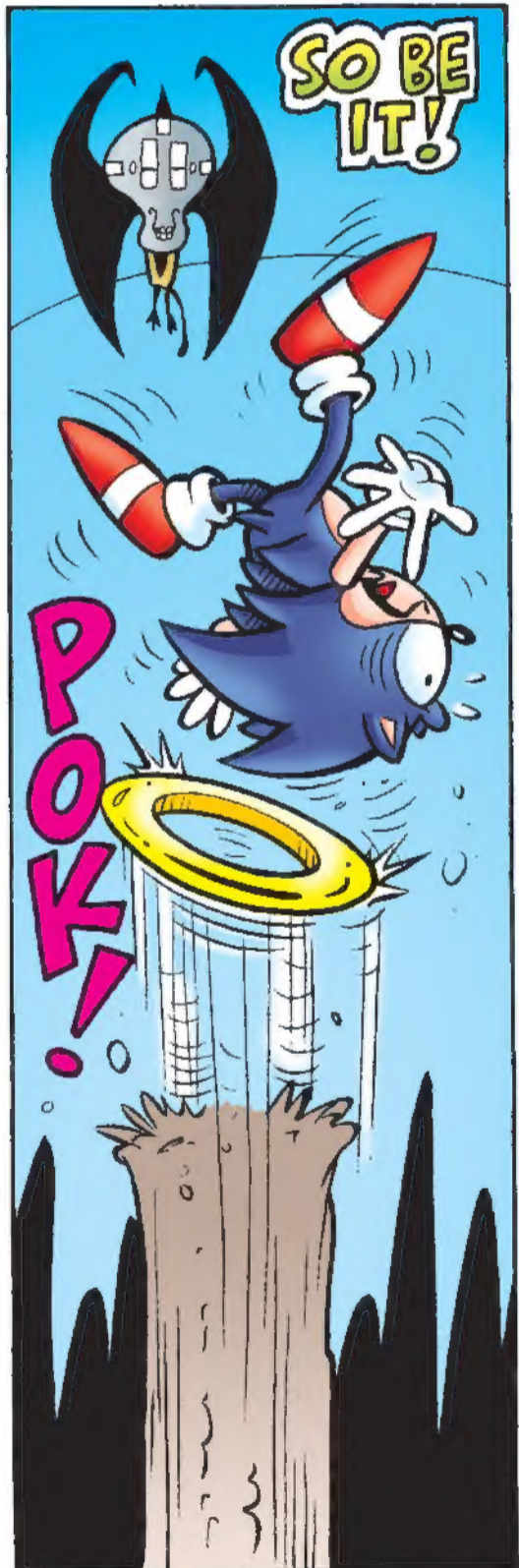
Ulp! I'll settle for some solid ground beneath my feat-er-feet!



**THY GIFT SHALL
BE KNOWLEDGE!**

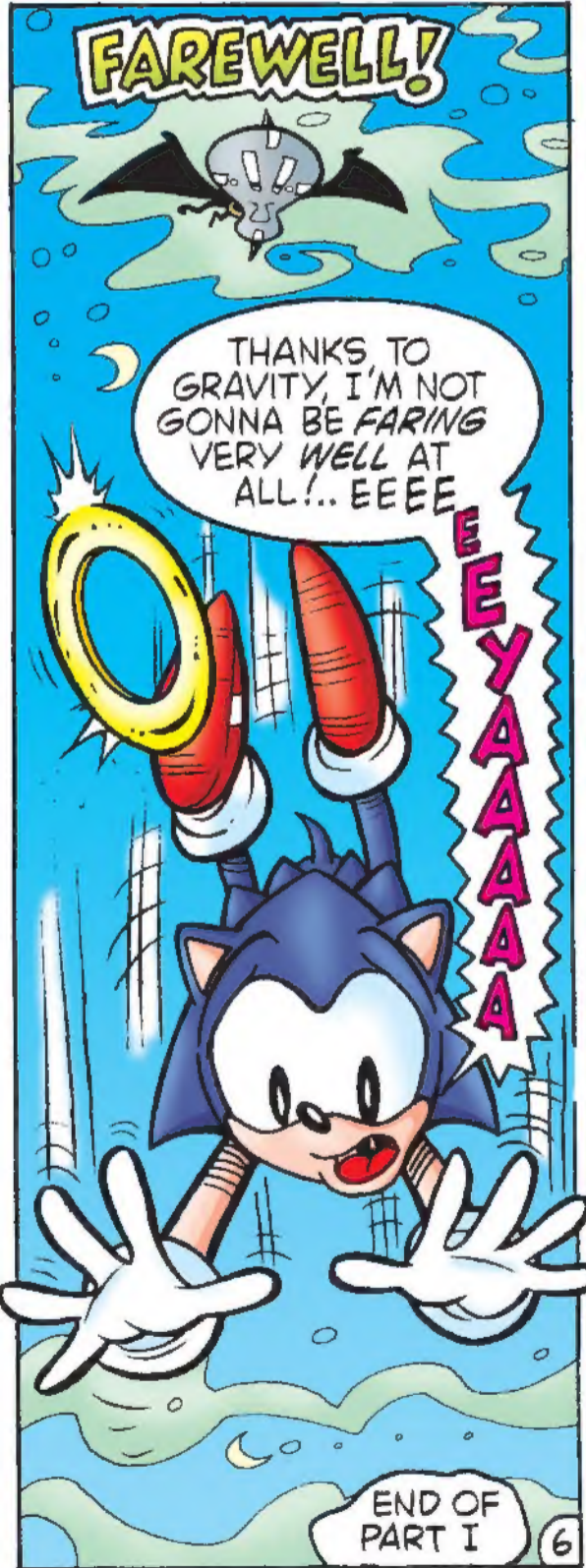
NO, REALLY... I-- uh oh! HERE COMES THE RING!

Whoosh!



**SO BE
IT!**

**P
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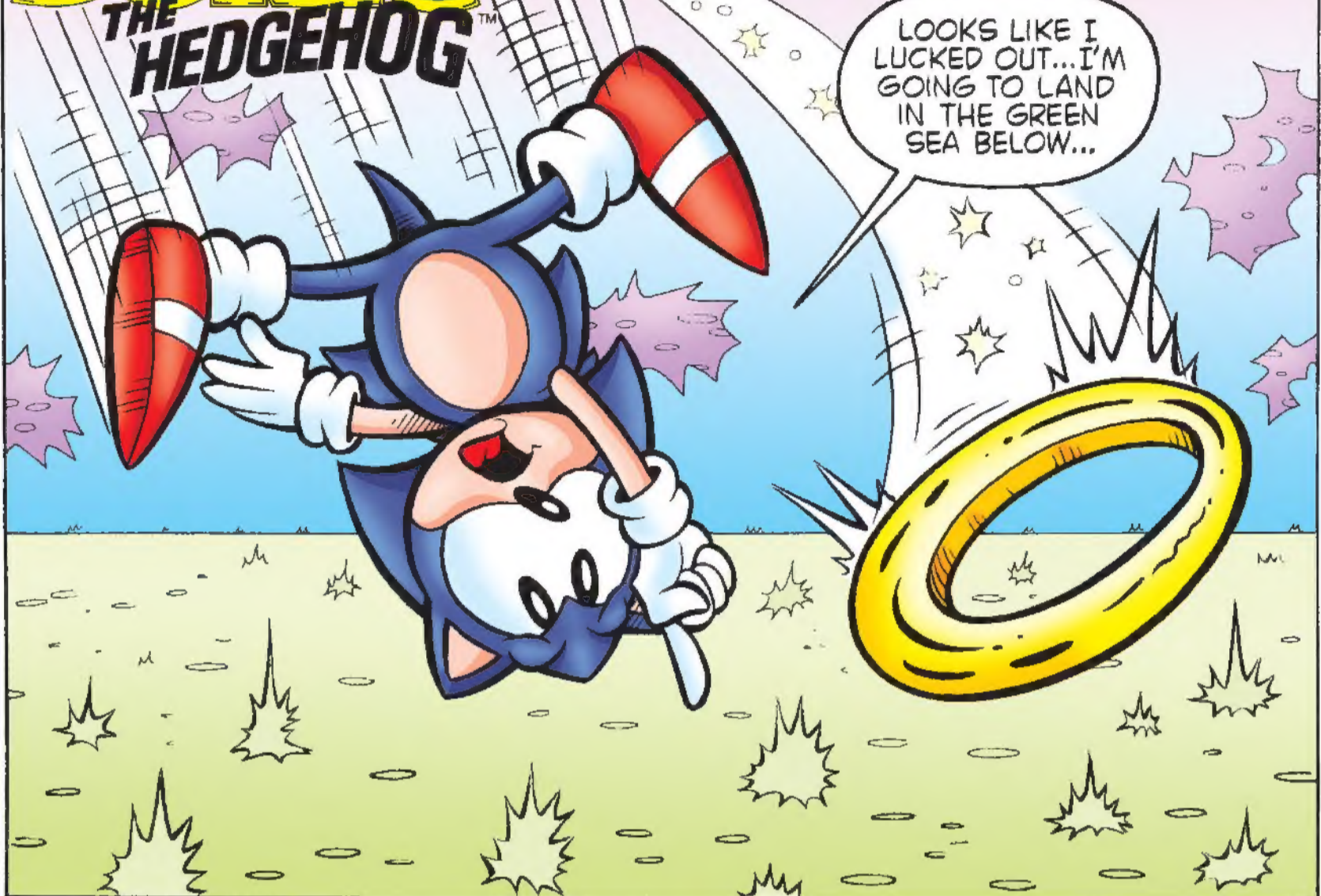
FAREWELL!

THANKS TO GRAVITY, I'M NOT GONNA BE FARING VERY WELL AT ALL!... EEEE

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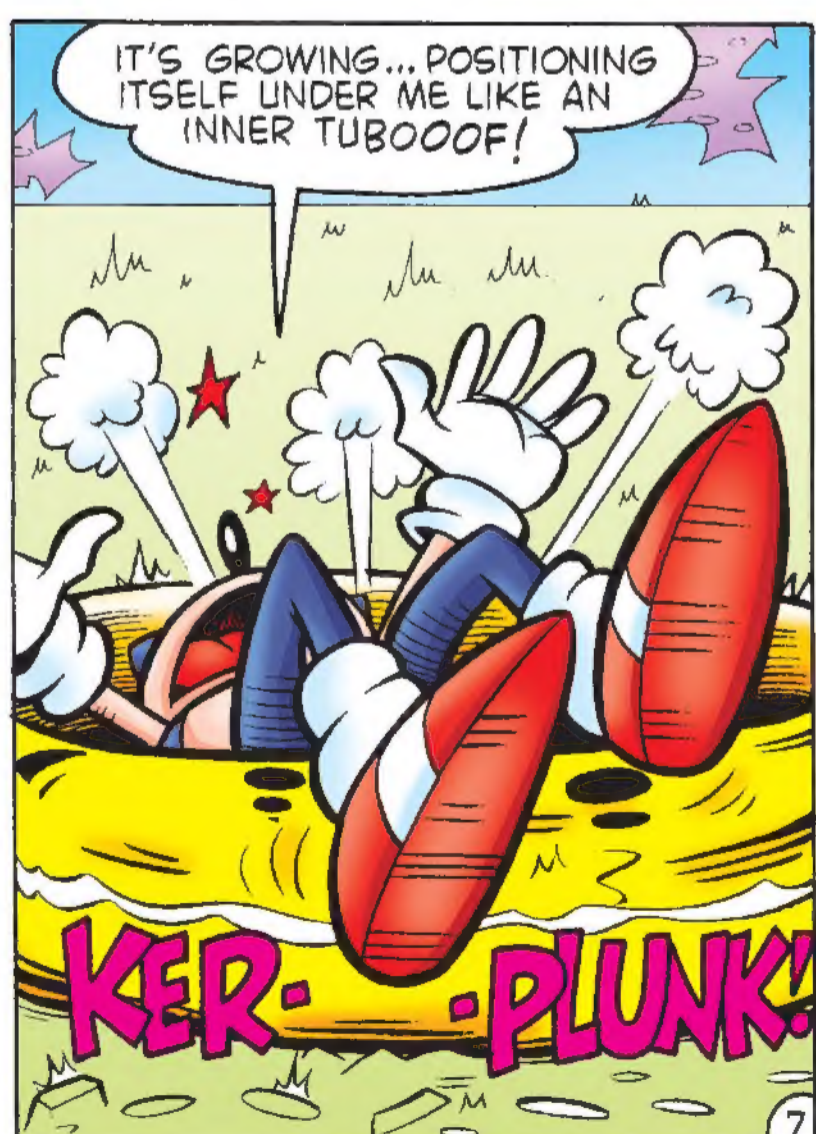
SONIC ⁱⁿ RING OF TRUTH PART II



LOOKS LIKE I LUCKED OUT... I'M GOING TO LAND IN THE GREEN SEA BELOW...

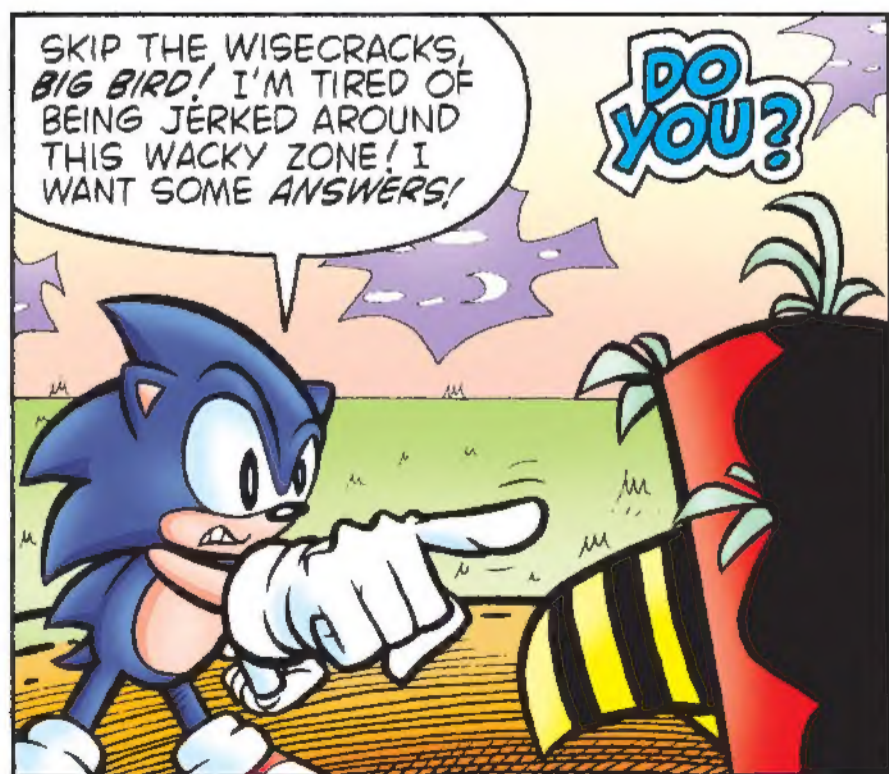
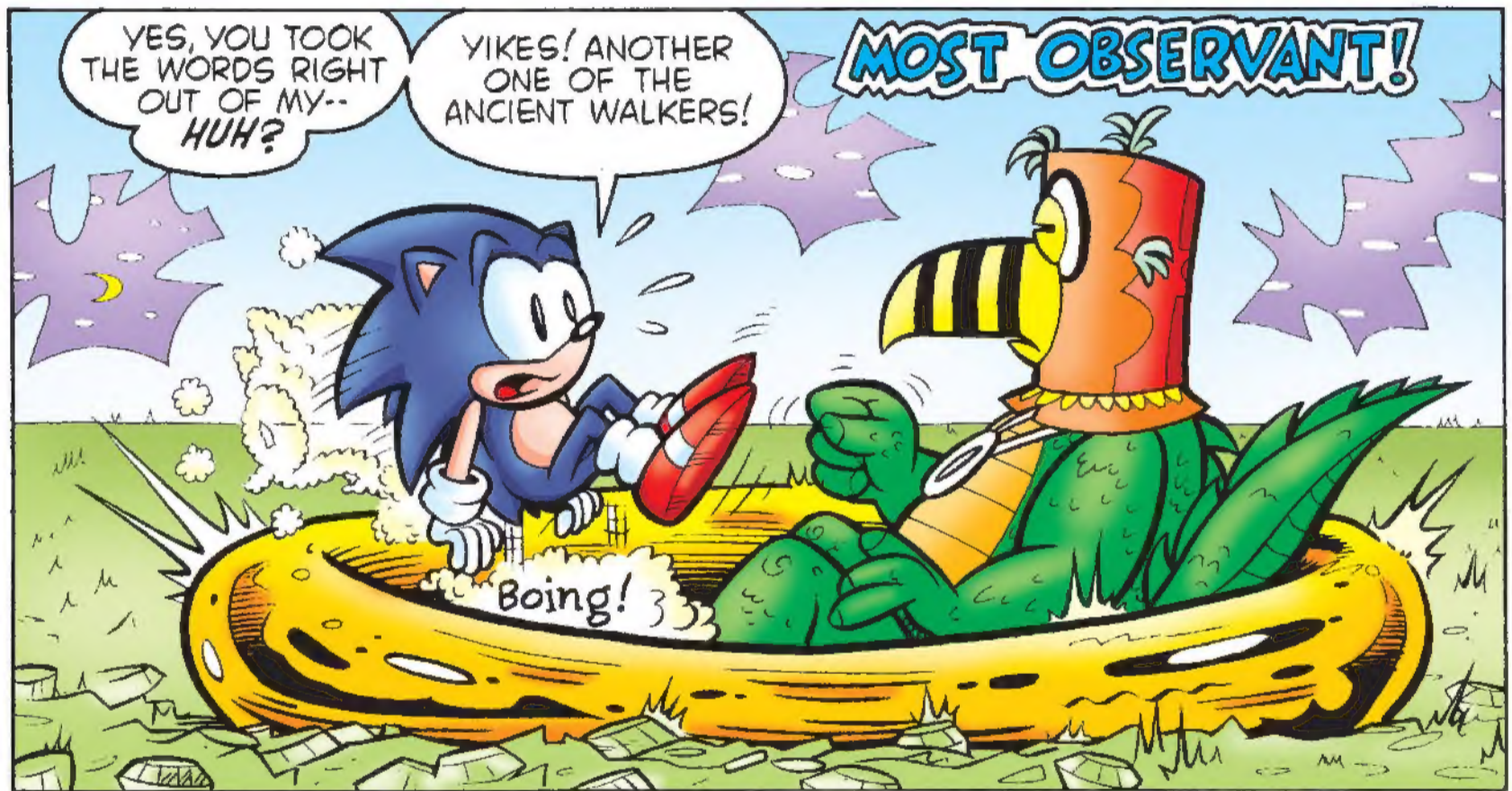
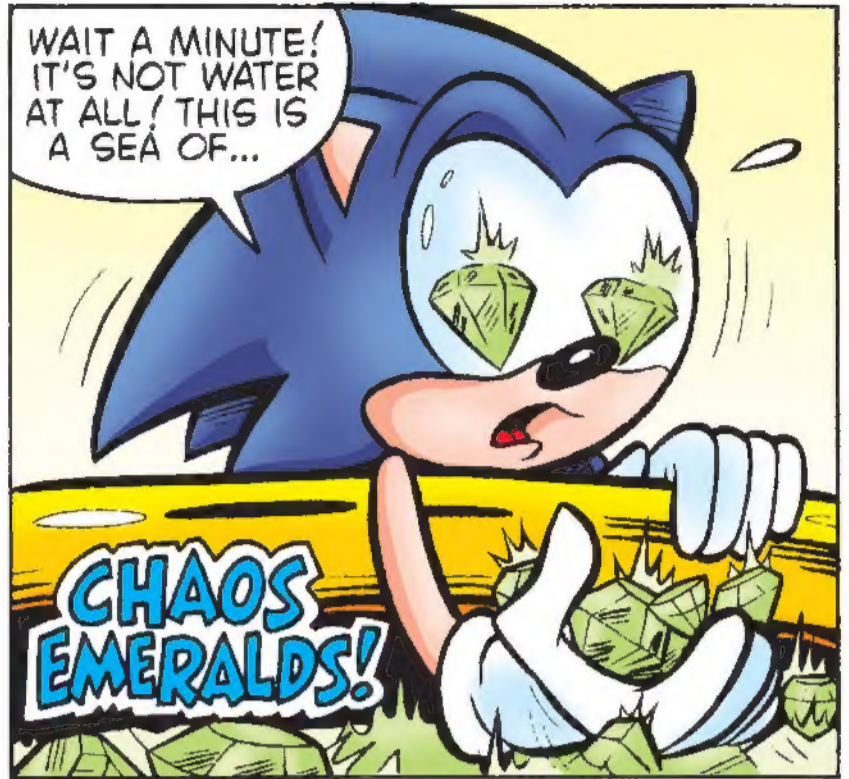
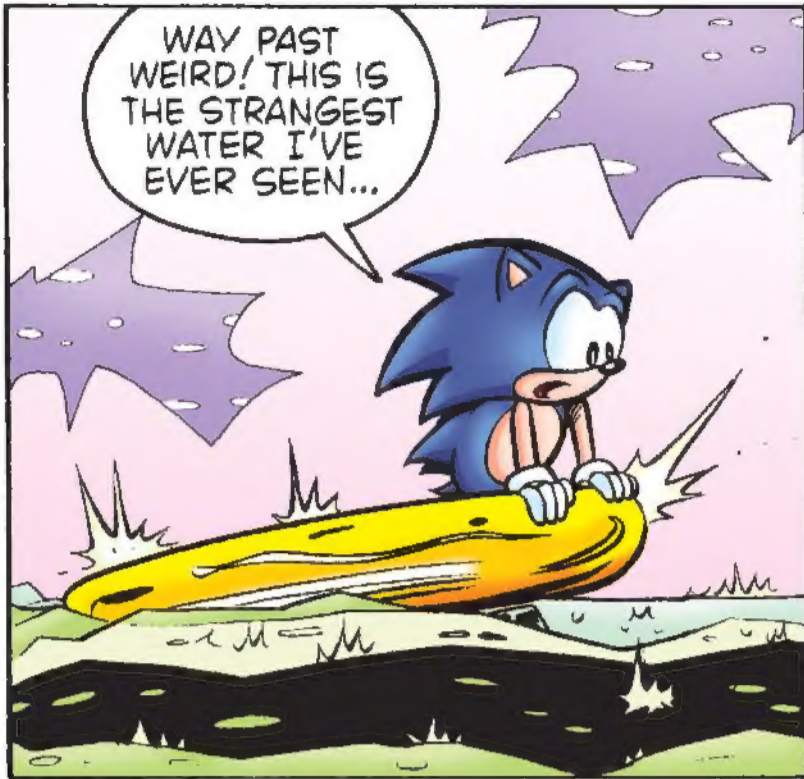


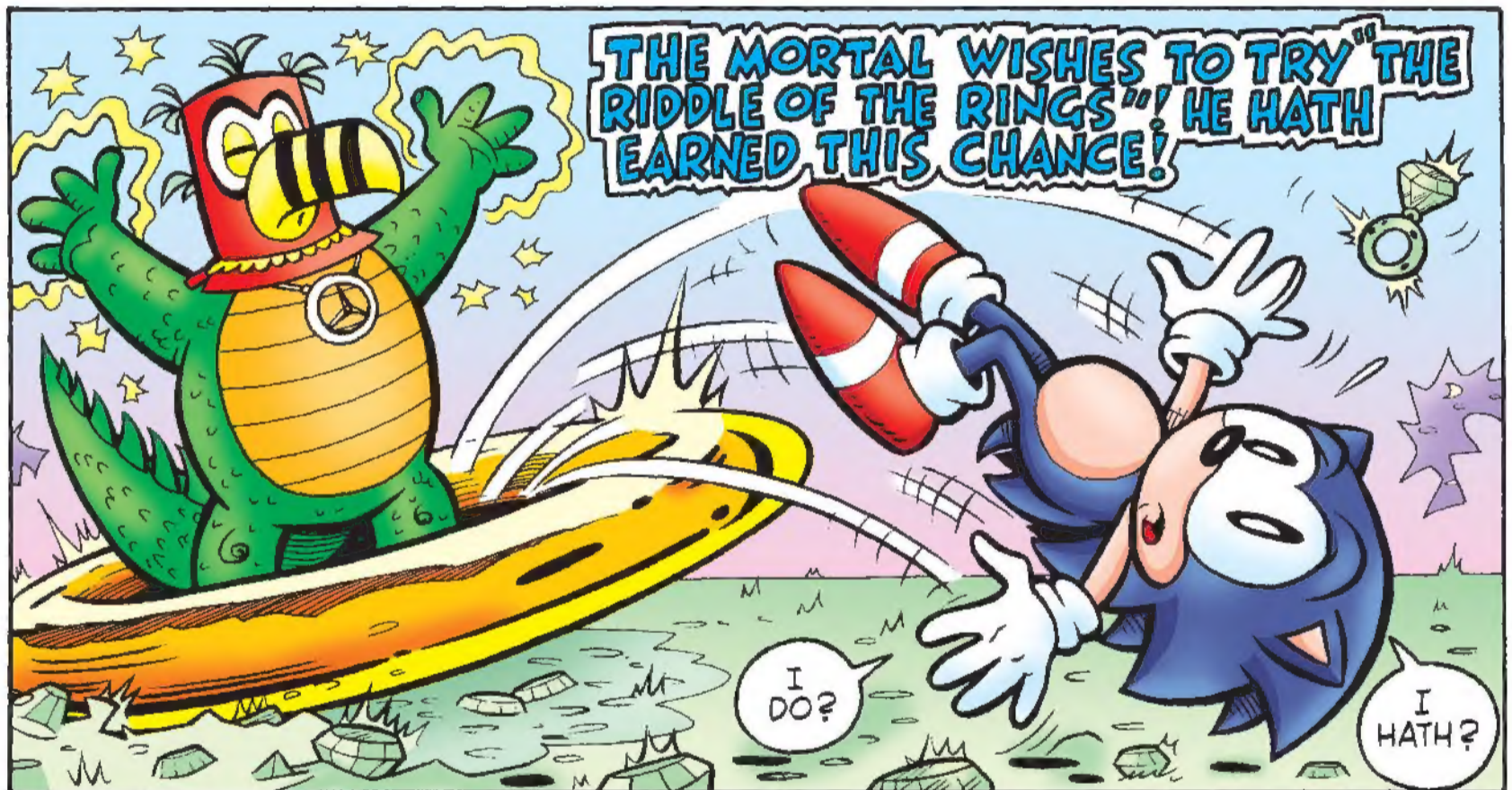
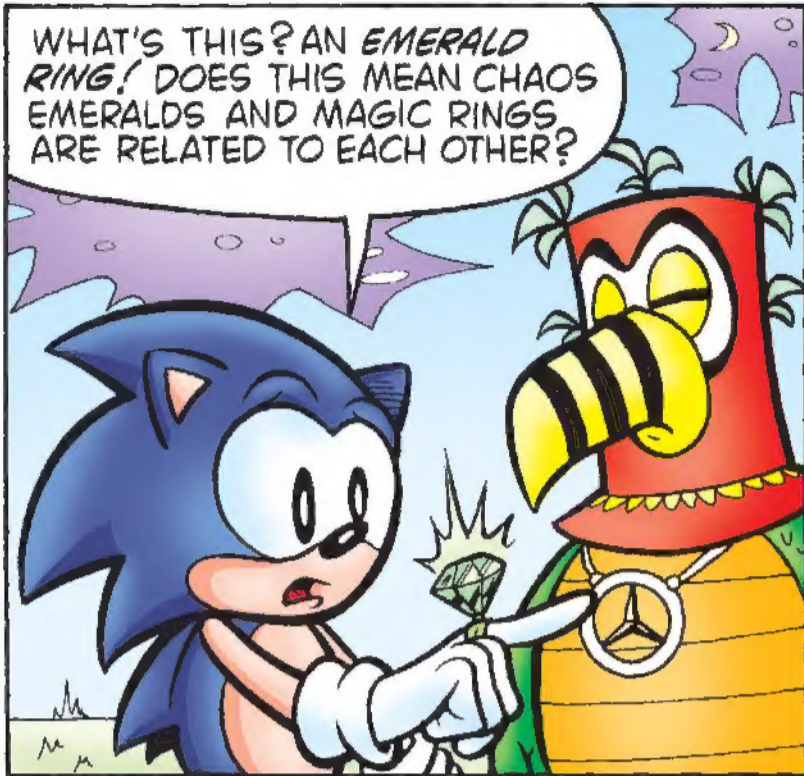
HEY... WHAT'S WITH MY BILLIONTH RING? IT'S ACTING LIKE IT HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN...

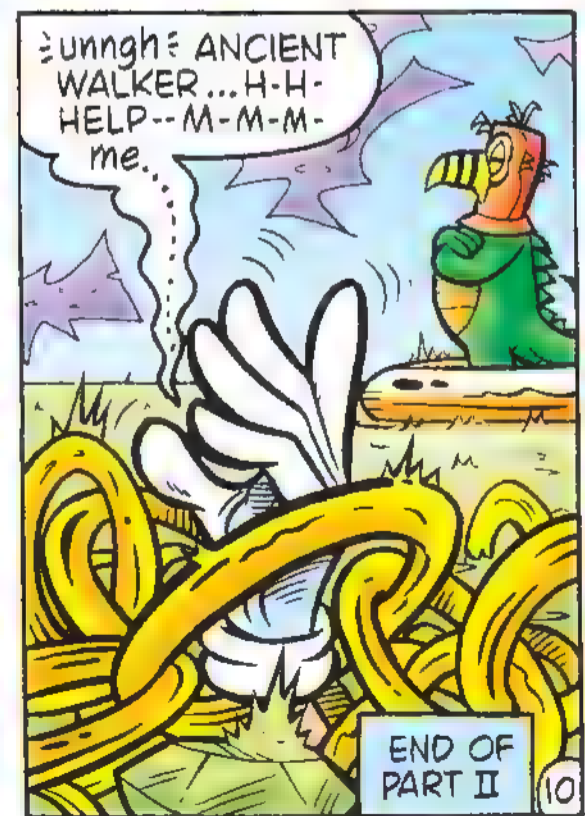
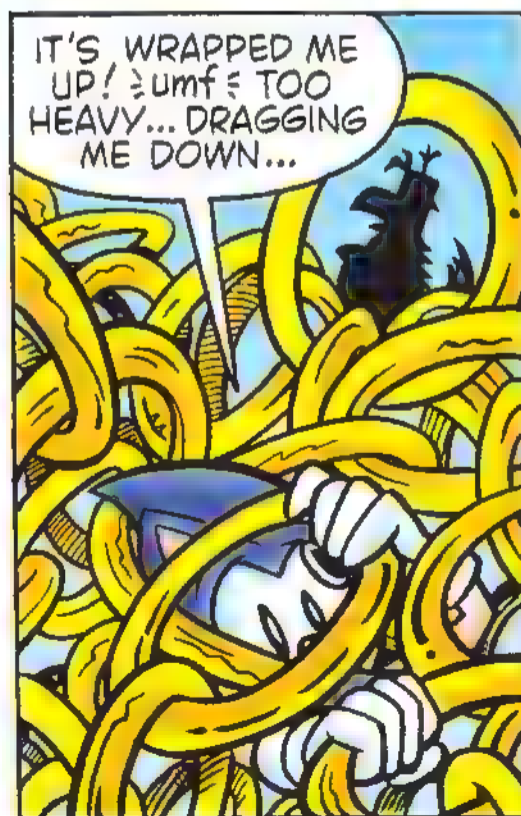
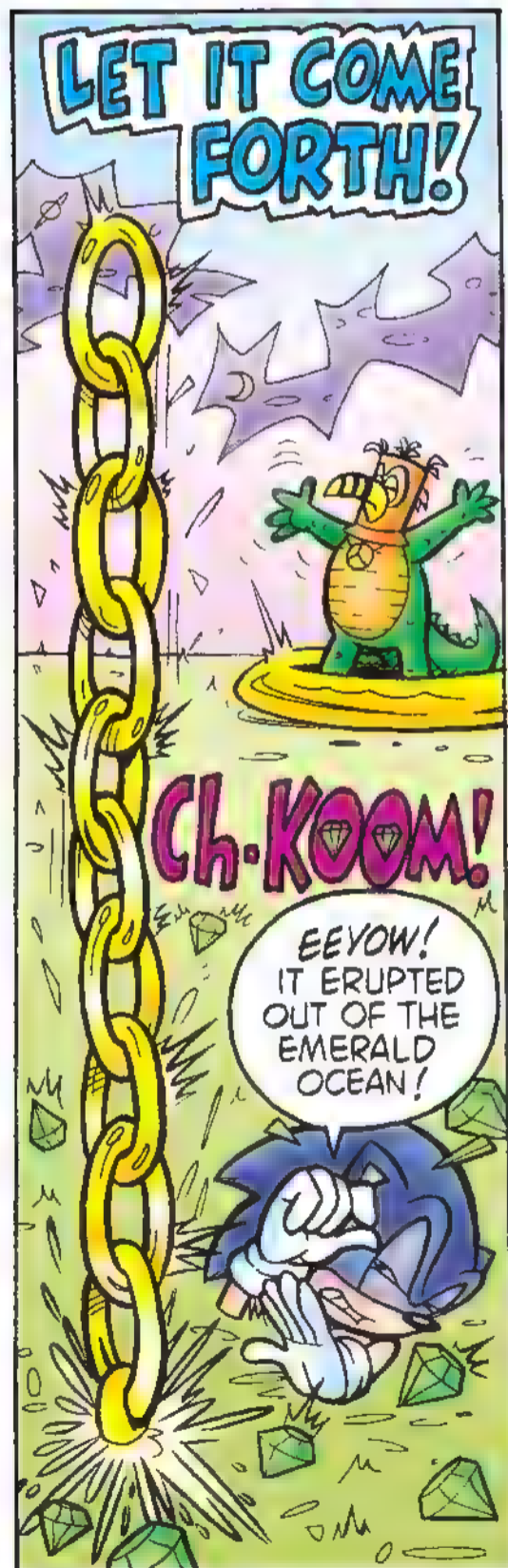


IT'S GROWING... POSITIONING ITSELF UNDER ME LIKE AN INNER TUBOOOF!

KER-PLUNK!







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IN

RING OF TRUTH

PART III



NOW WHAT?
I'M UNDERNEATH
THE SEA OF
EMERALDS--

AND INTO
ANOTHER AREA
MORE BIZARRE
THAN THE LAST!



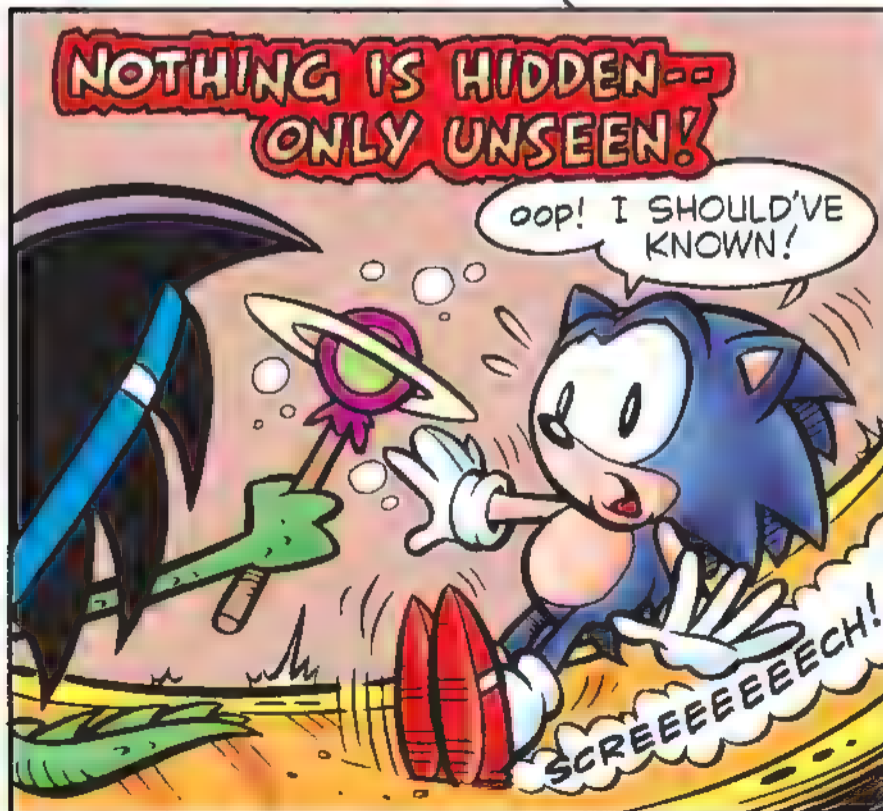
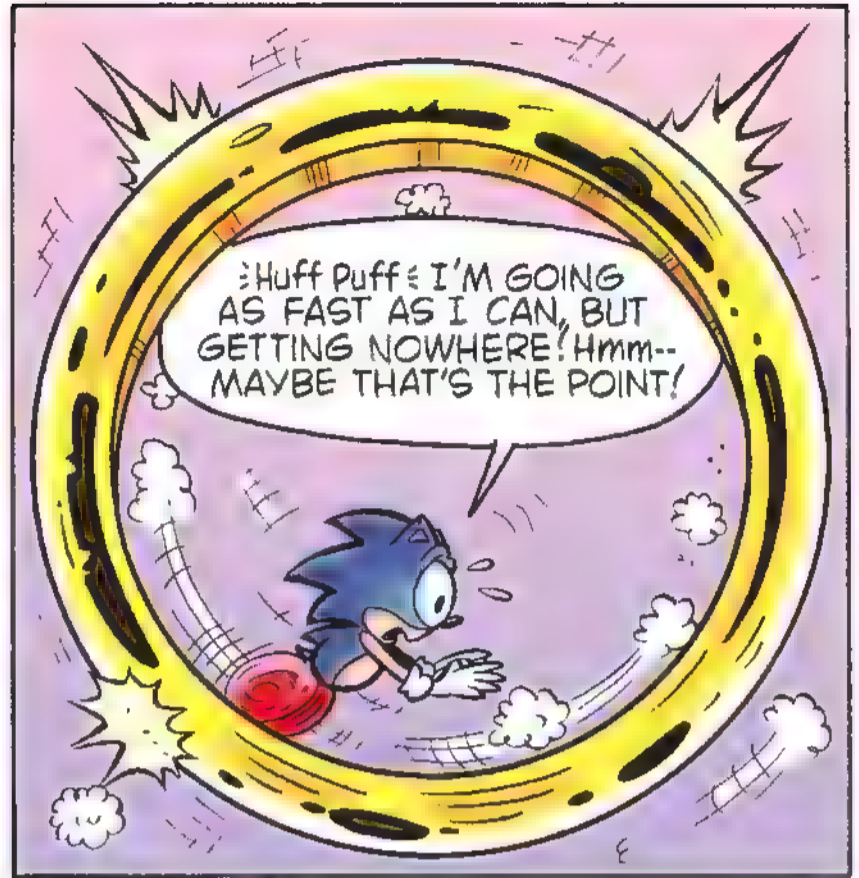
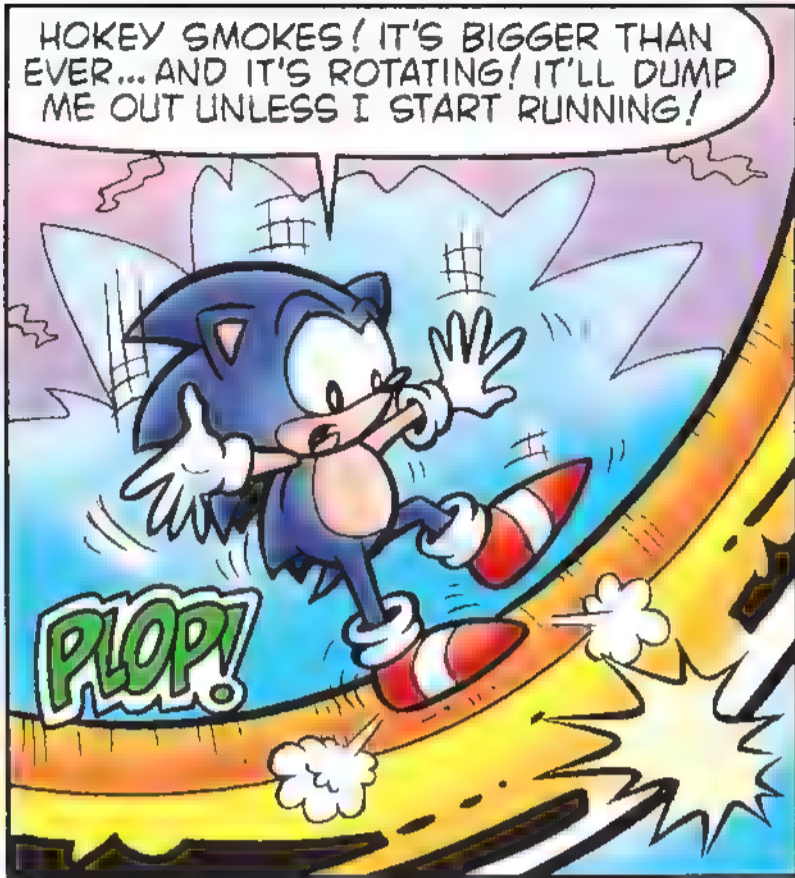
THIS PLACE REMINDS ME OF VERTICAL
AND HORIZONTAL'S DITZY DIMENSION! *
WHOA! THERE'S MY BILLIONTH
RING AGAIN!



THIS HAS BEEN THE MOST CONFUSING
ADVENTURE I'VE EVER HAD... BUT, ONE
THING'S FOR SURE--

-- THAT RING
IS THE FOCAL POINT OF
IT ALL! SO HERE GOES
NOTHING... GERONIMO!

*SONIC VISITED THAT ZONE BACK IN ISSUE#2-ED.





WAIT A MINUTE...
MAYBE THAT IS THE
ULTIMATE ANSWER
TO ALL QUESTIONS!
"THIS ISN'T FAIR!"

BUT WHAT ABOUT
THAT CHAIN? IS
THAT WHERE MAGIC
RINGS GO WHEN
THEY LEAVE A
ZONE?

OR IS THAT
WHERE THEY
FIRST COME
FROM?

RUMBLE...

WHIRL...

WHEN IT SPIRALED
AROUND ME, IT LOOKED
LIKE A *TRIPLE HELIX*--
COULD OUR UNIVERSE
BE ONE STRAND OF *DNA**
IN A HUGE, COSMIC
ENTITY?

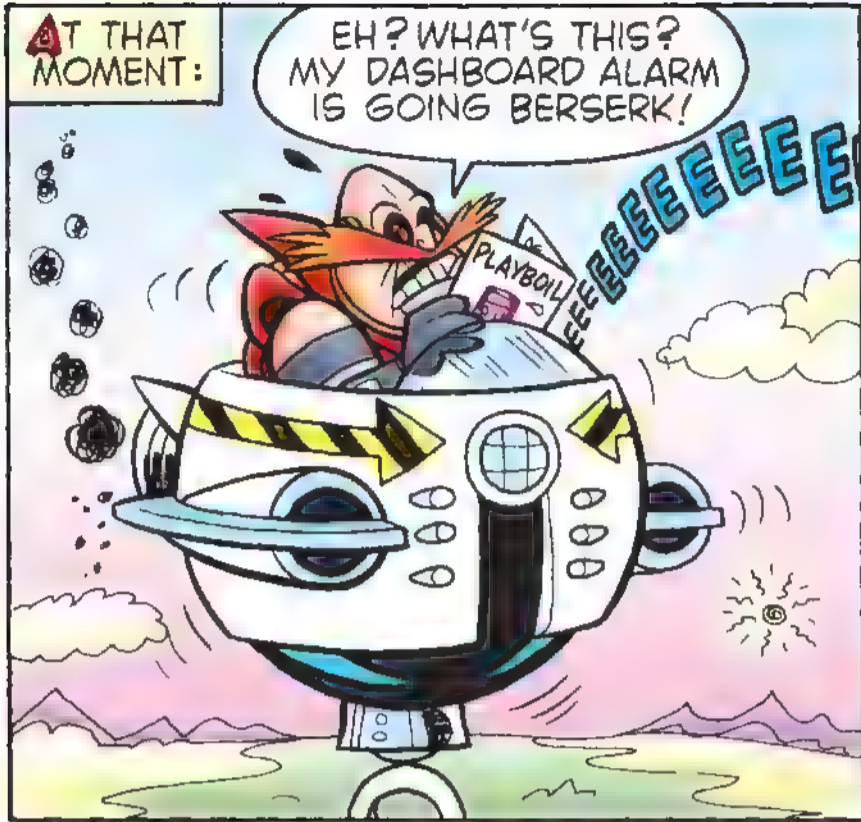
WHIRL... WHIRL...

AND THAT SEA OF
EMERALDS! CALMNESS
AMIDST THE CHAOS--
MULTIFACETED, YET
INDIVIDUALLY BEAUTIFUL--
SO VERY GREEN--

OWW! ALL
THESE METAPHORS
ARE GIVING ME A
HEADACHE! **

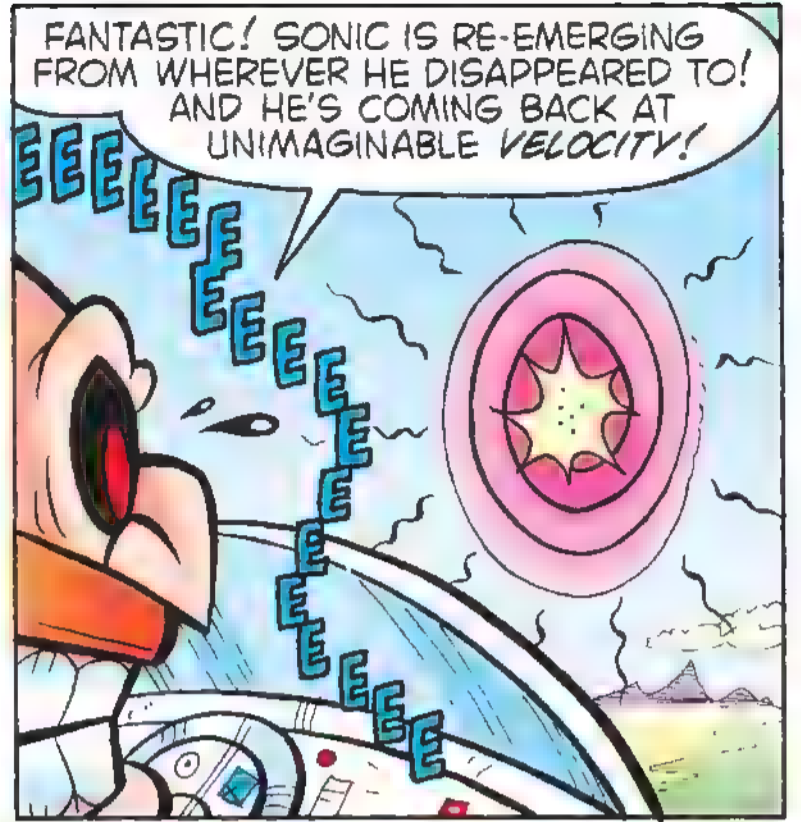
*THAT GENETIC MATERIAL WE GET FROM
OUR PARENTS THAT MAKES US "WHAT"
WE ARE--DESIGNER "GENE" WEAR-EDITOR

** WHAT'S YOUR OPINION ABOUT THIS ETHEREAL EPISODE?
SEND US YOUR SCHOLARLY SONIC-GRAMS -- EDITOR

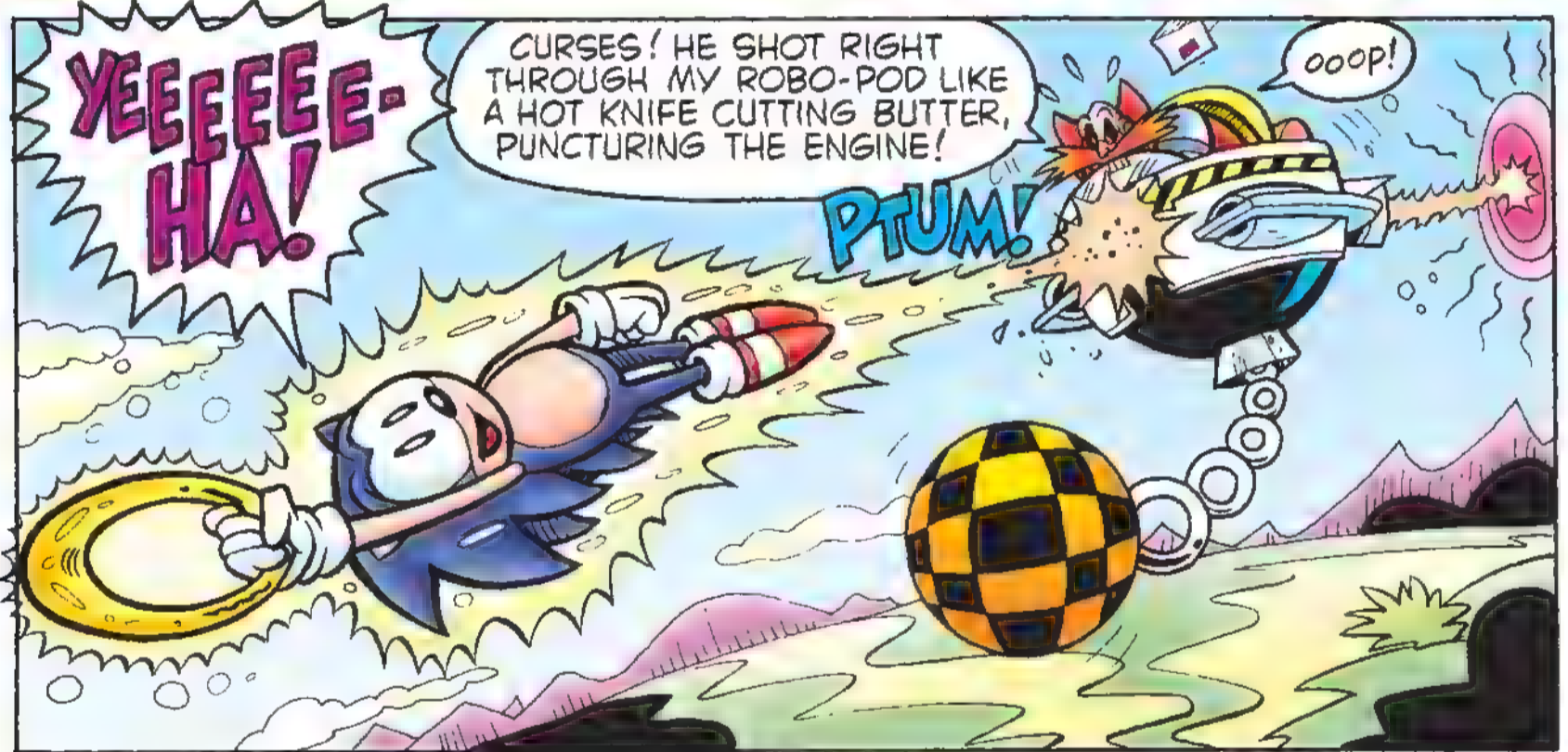


AT THAT MOMENT:

EH? WHAT'S THIS? MY DASHBOARD ALARM IS GOING BERSERK!



FANTASTIC! SONIC IS RE-EMERGING FROM WHEREVER HE DISAPPEARED TO! AND HE'S COMING BACK AT UNIMAGINABLE VELOCITY!

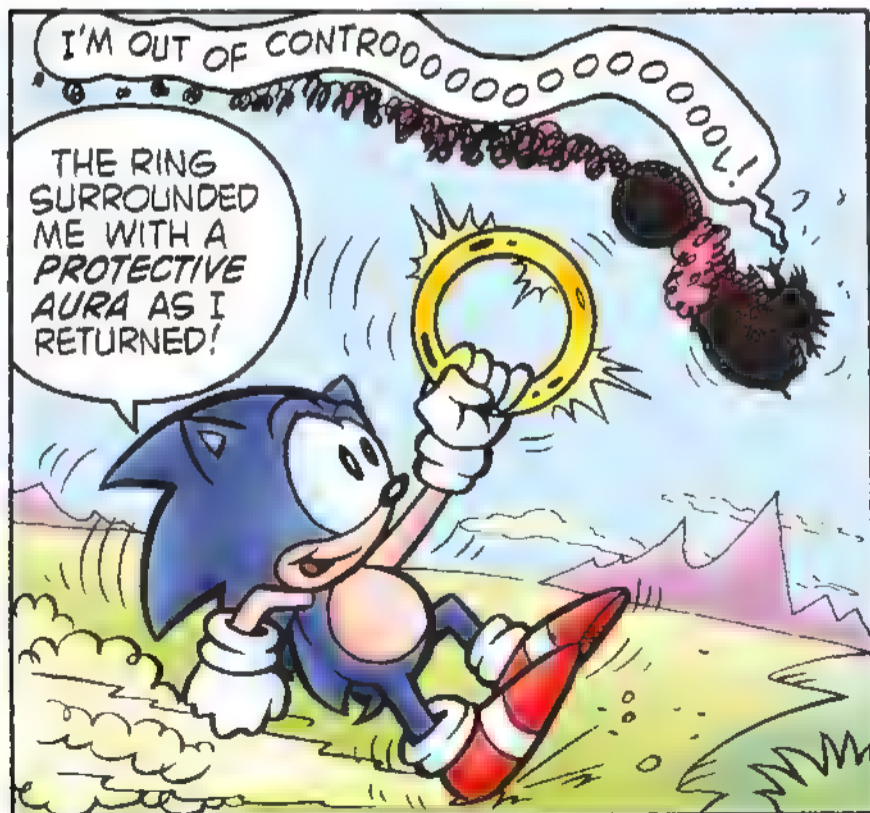


YEEEEEE-HA!

CURSES! HE SHOT RIGHT THROUGH MY ROBO-POD LIKE A HOT KNIFE CUTTING BUTTER, PUNCTURING THE ENGINE!

PTUM!

ooop!



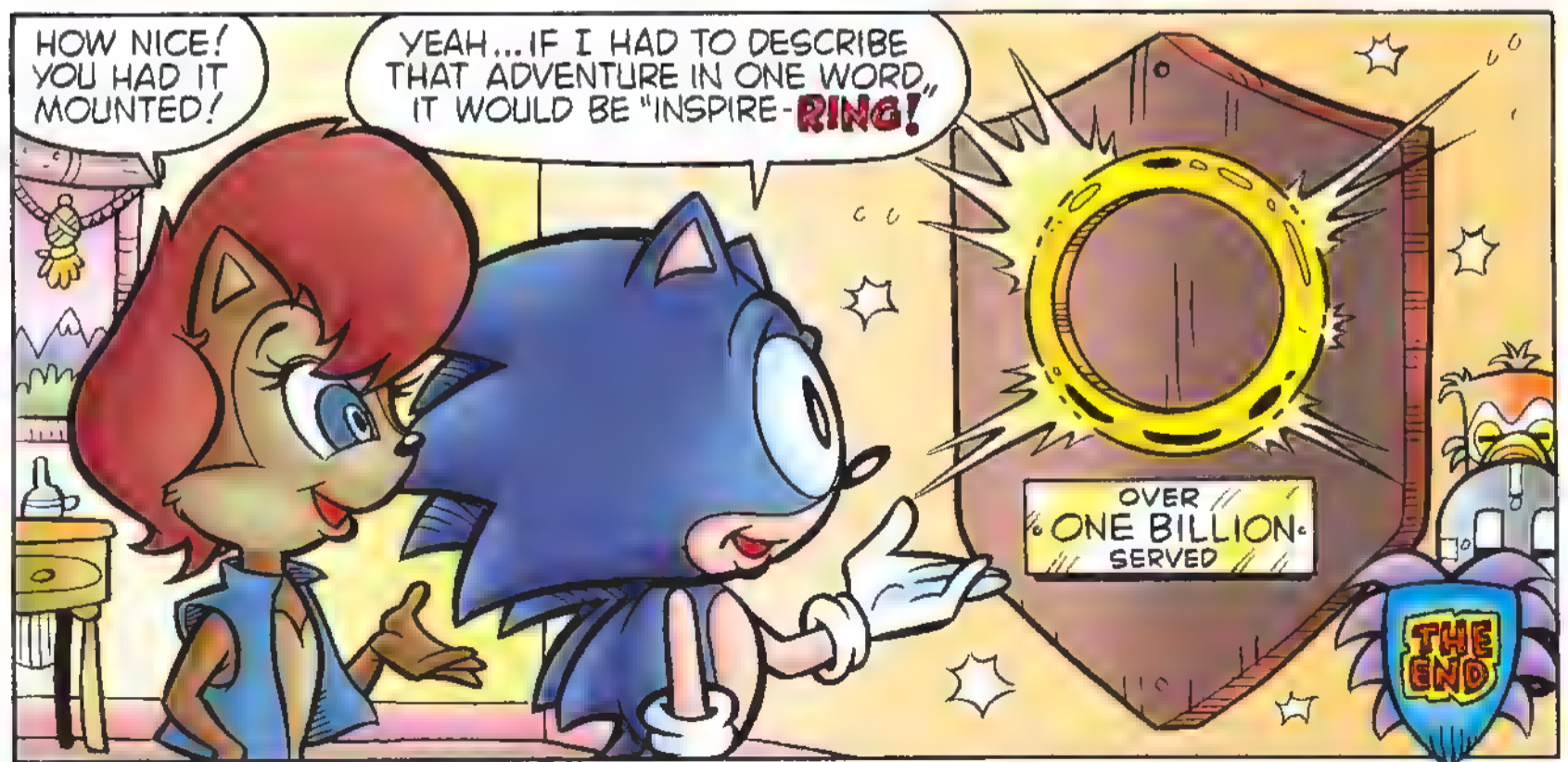
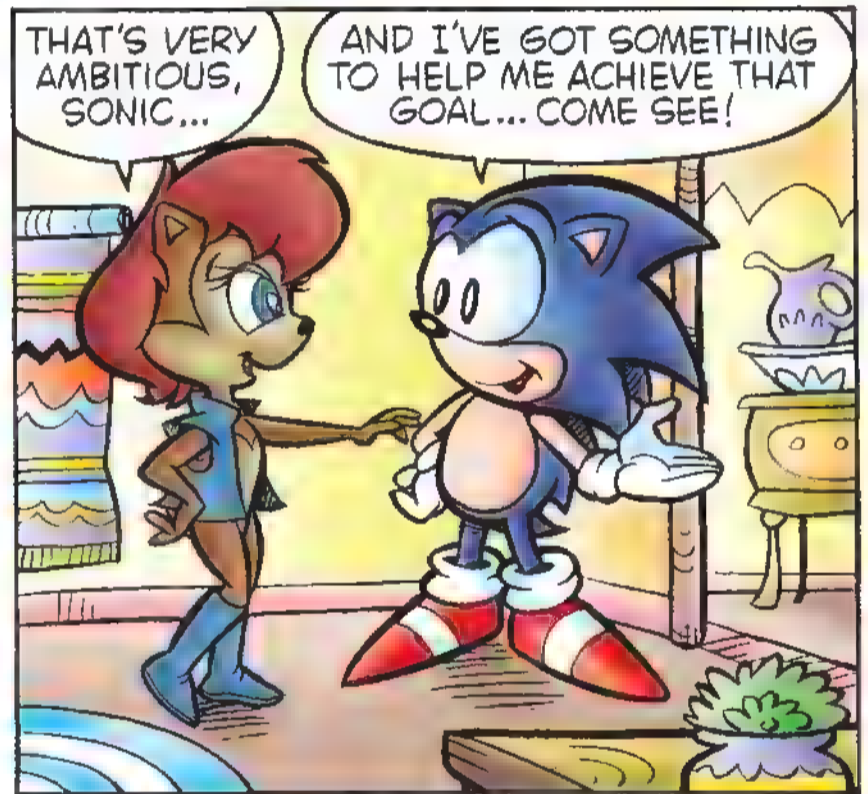
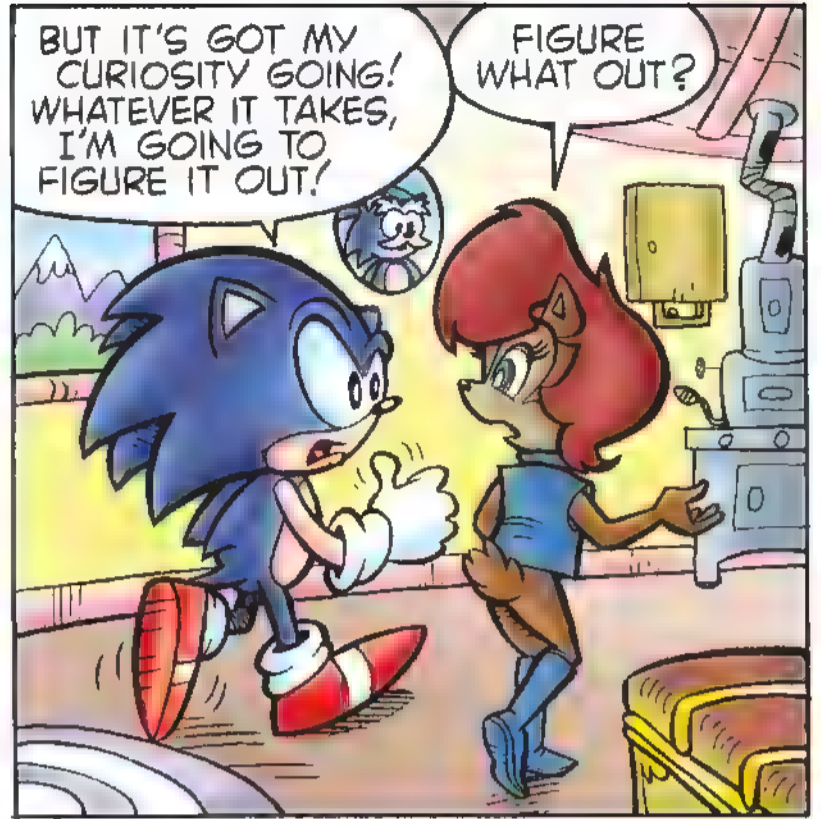
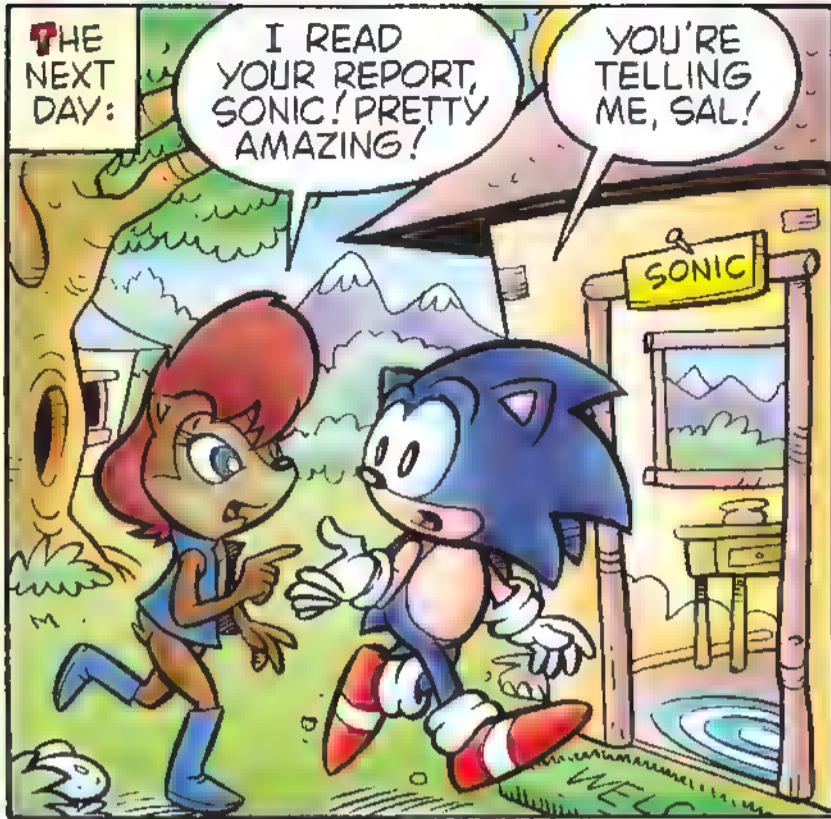
I'M OUT OF CONTROL!

THE RING SURROUNDED ME WITH A PROTECTIVE AURA AS I RETURNED!



NORMALLY, I'M NOT A SOUVENIR COLLECTOR-- BUT YOU, MY FRIEND, ARE COMING HOME WITH ME!

ROBOOMNIK!



SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS
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A SENSE OF HISTORY

PART II

"A RIDDLE-- WRAPPED IN AN ENIGMA!"

HOW COULD THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE CHAOTIX...

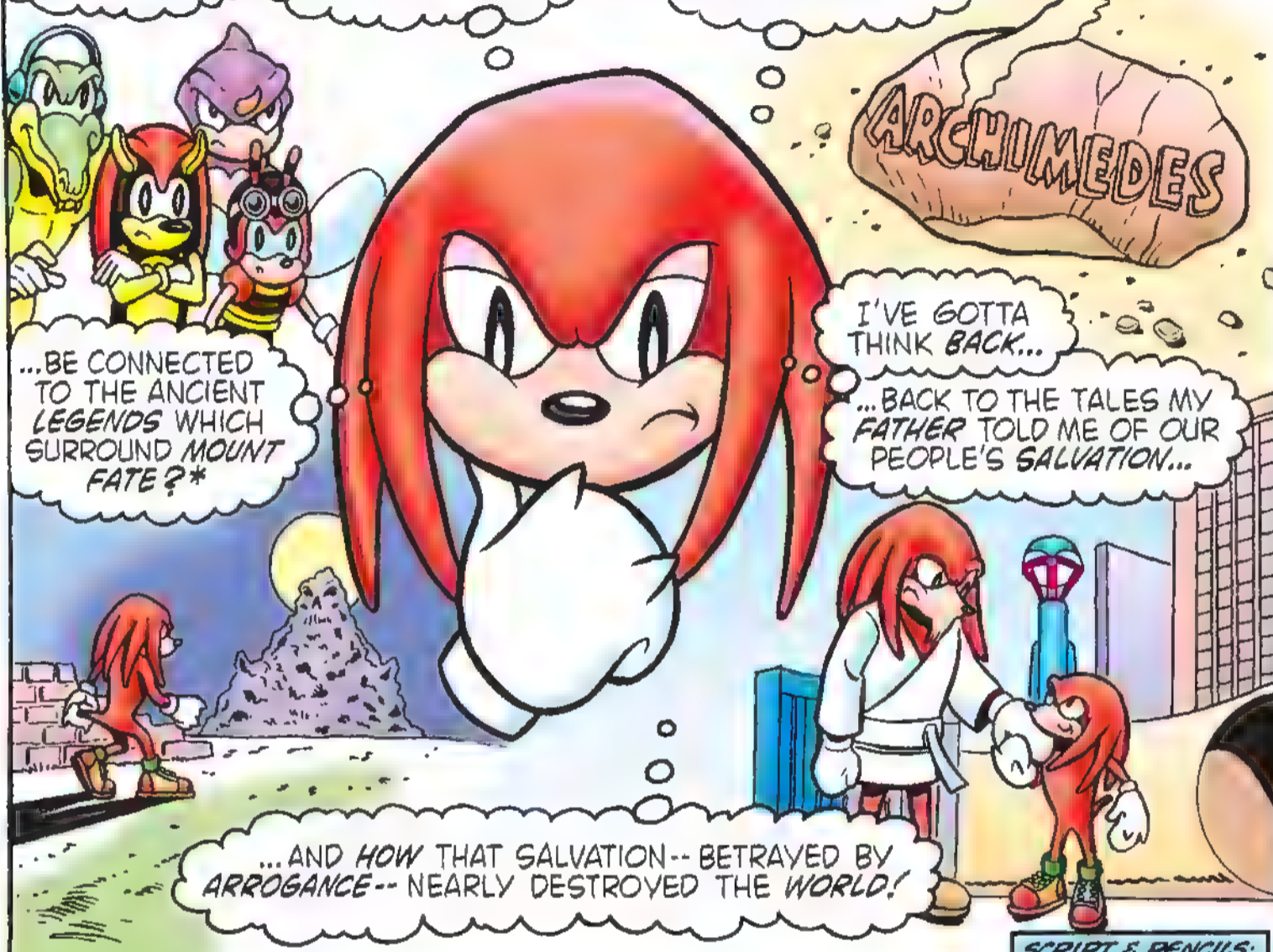
...AND THE ACTIONS OF THE UNSEEN "ARCHIMEDES"...

...BE CONNECTED TO THE ANCIENT LEGENDS WHICH SURROUND MOUNT FATE?*

I'VE GOTTA THINK BACK...

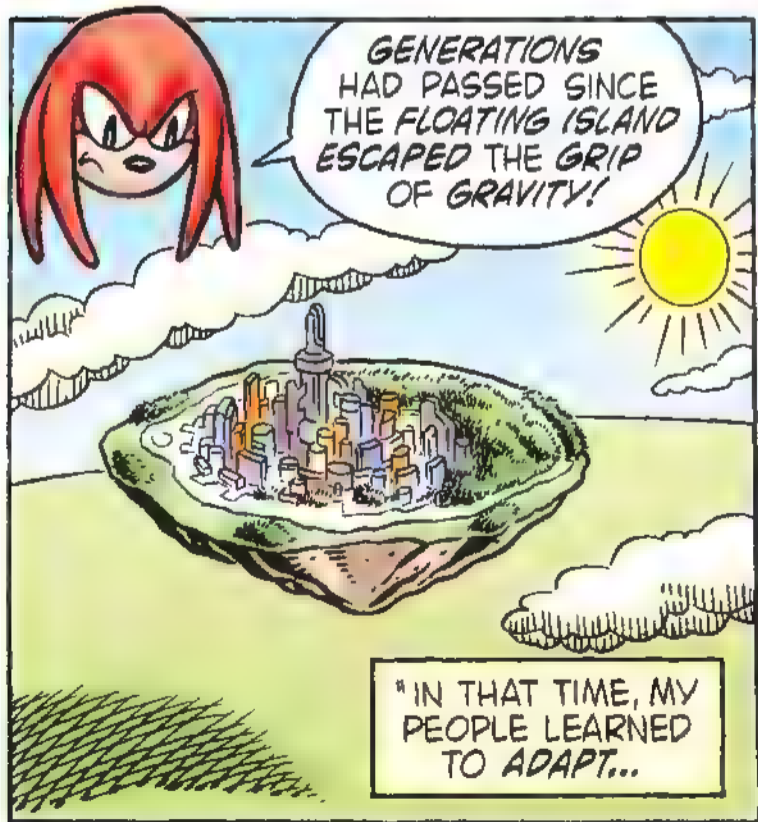
...BACK TO THE TALES MY FATHER TOLD ME OF OUR PEOPLE'S SALVATION...

...AND HOW THAT SALVATION-- BETRAYED BY ARROGANCE-- NEARLY DESTROYED THE WORLD!



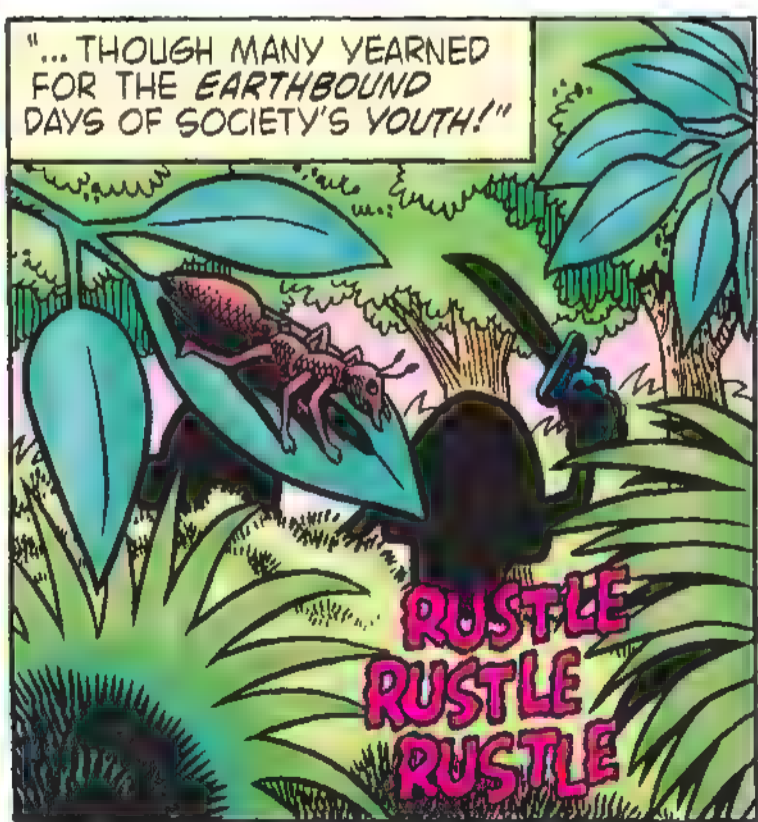
* FOR THE FULL DETAILS, CHECK OUT LAST ISSUE! -- EDITOR

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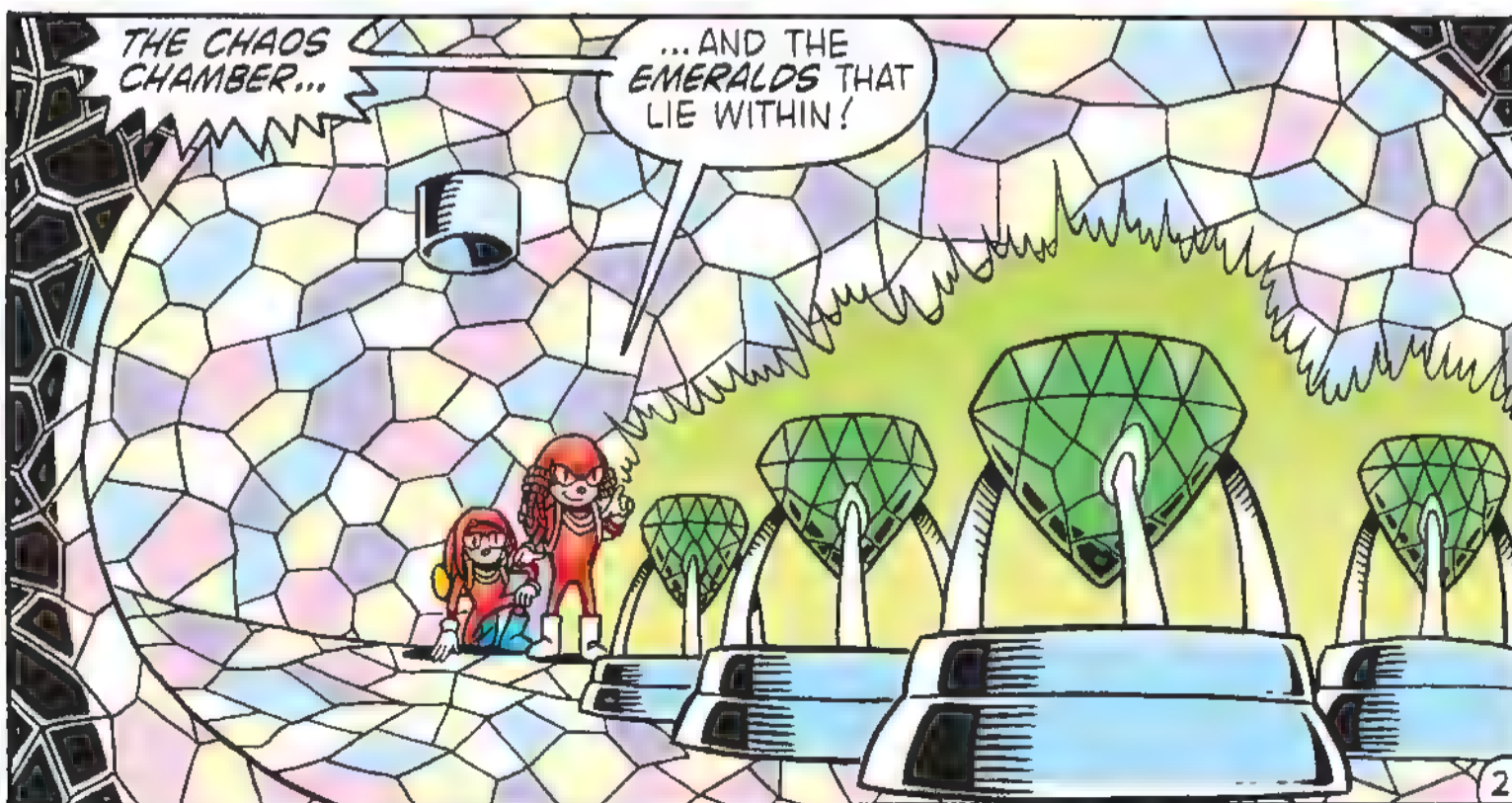
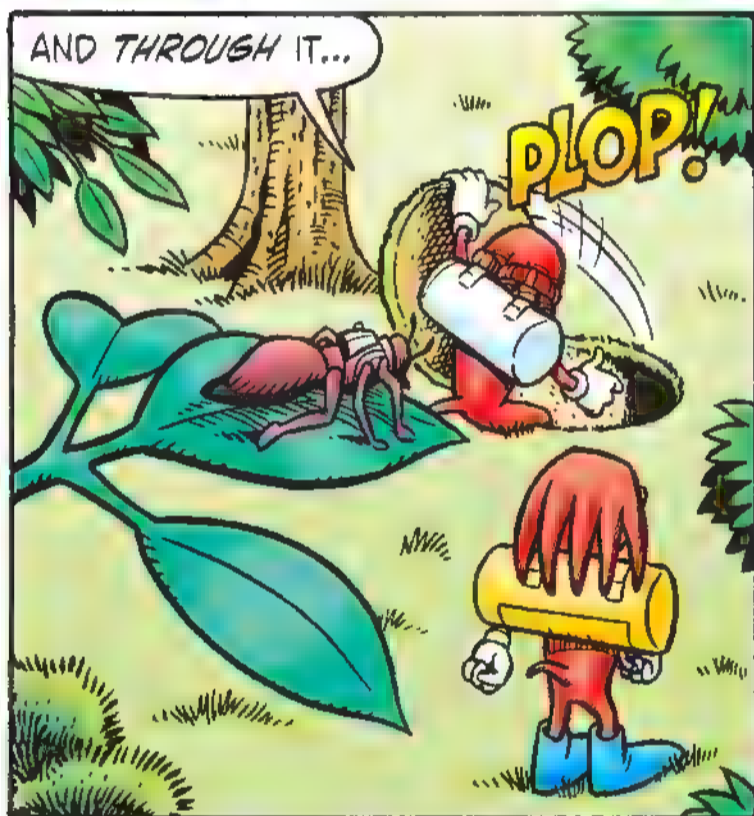
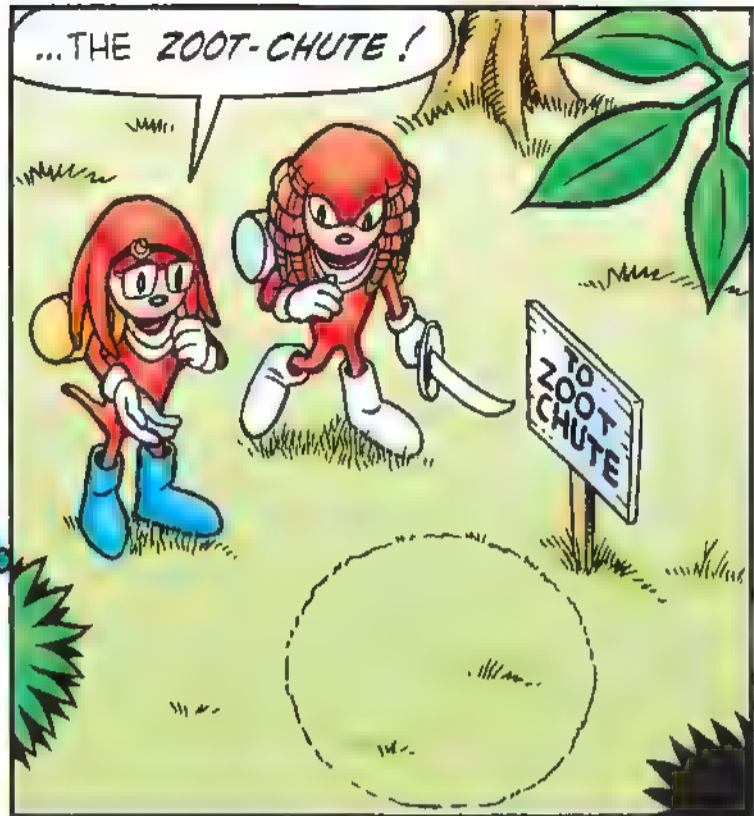
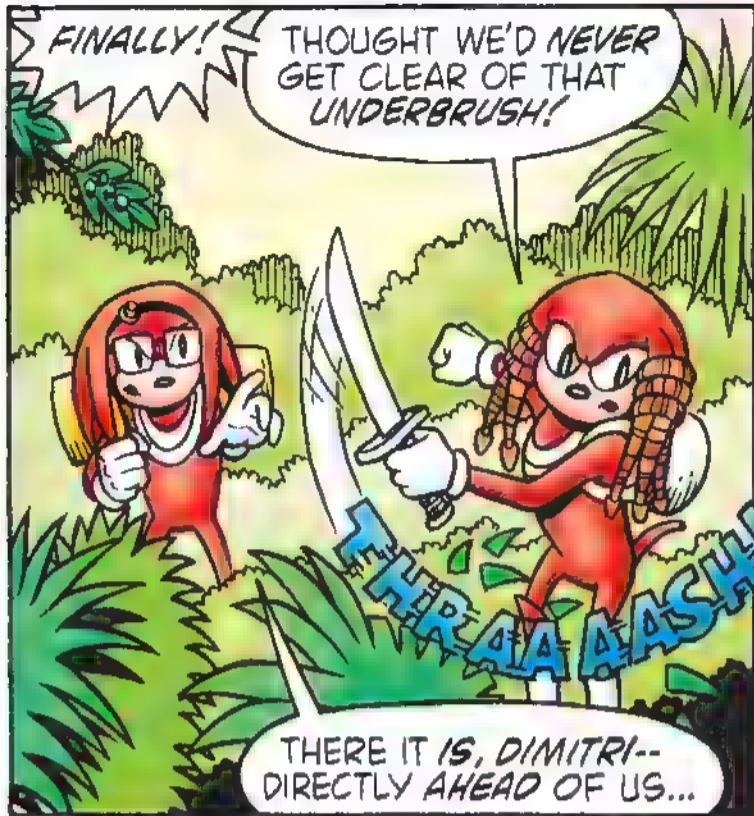
GENERATIONS HAD PASSED SINCE THE FLOATING ISLAND ESCAPED THE GRIP OF GRAVITY!

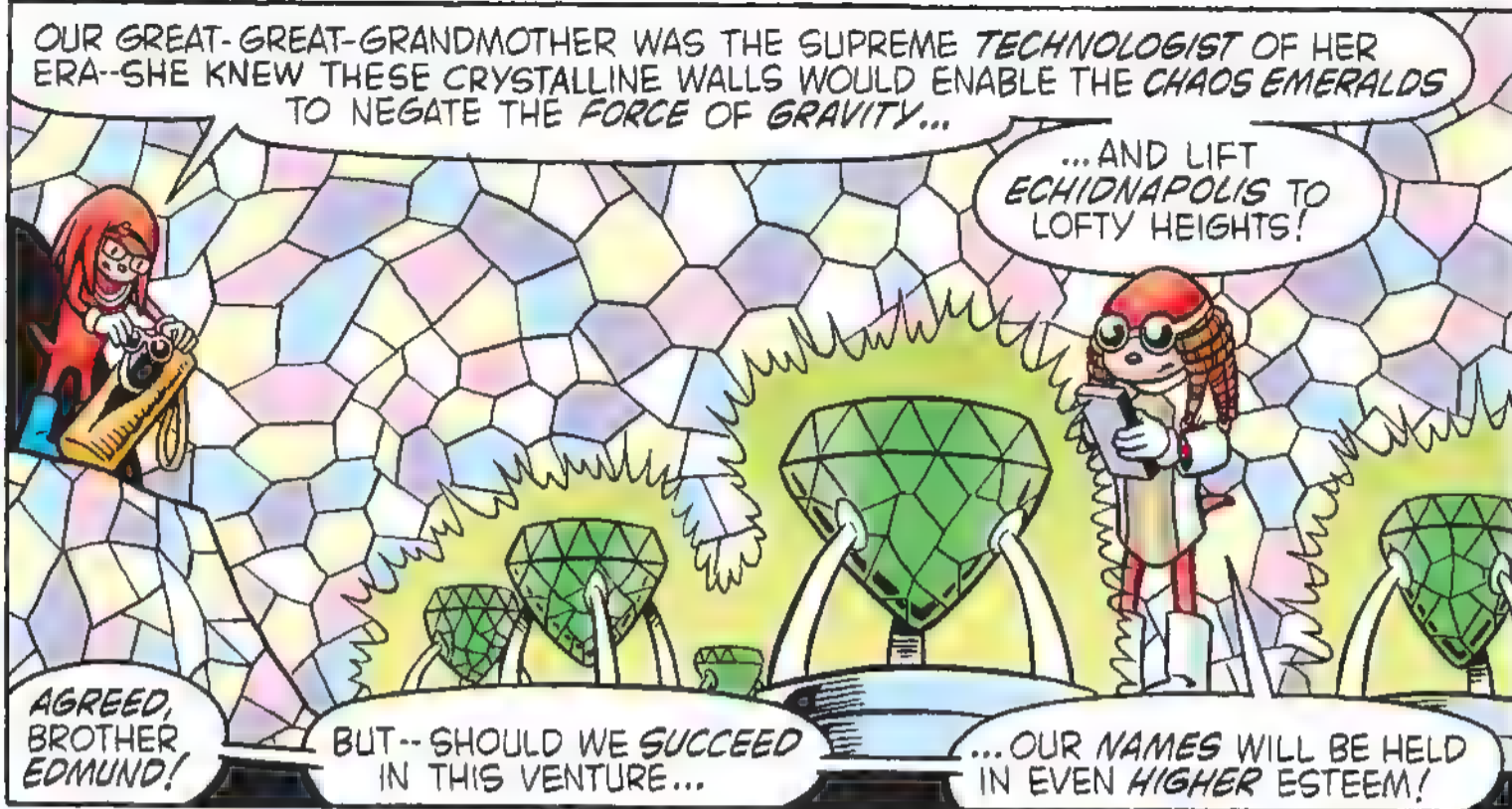
"IN THAT TIME, MY PEOPLE LEARNED TO ADAPT..."



"...THOUGH MANY YEARNED FOR THE EARTHBOUND DAYS OF SOCIETY'S YOUTH!"

**RUSTLE
 RUSTLE
 RUSTLE**





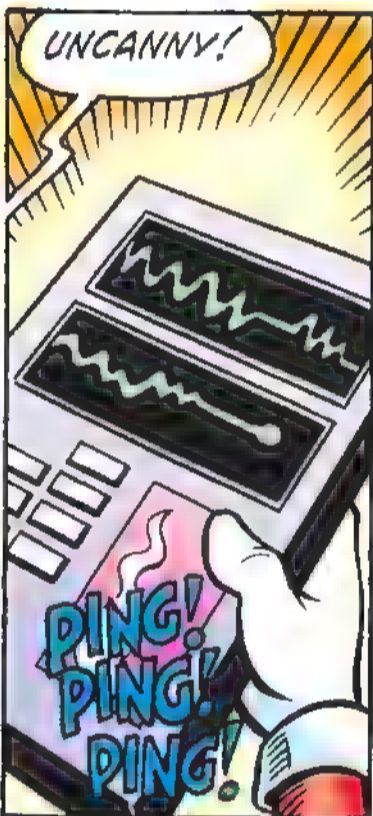
OUR GREAT-GREAT-GRANDMOTHER WAS THE SUPREME TECHNOLOGIST OF HER ERA--SHE KNEW THESE CRYSTALLINE WALLS WOULD ENABLE THE CHAOS EMERALDS TO NEGATE THE FORCE OF GRAVITY...

...AND LIFT ECHIDNAPOLIS TO LOFTY HEIGHTS!

AGREED, BROTHER EDMUND!

BUT-- SHOULD WE SUCCEED IN THIS VENTURE...

... OUR NAMES WILL BE HELD IN EVEN HIGHER ESTEEM!



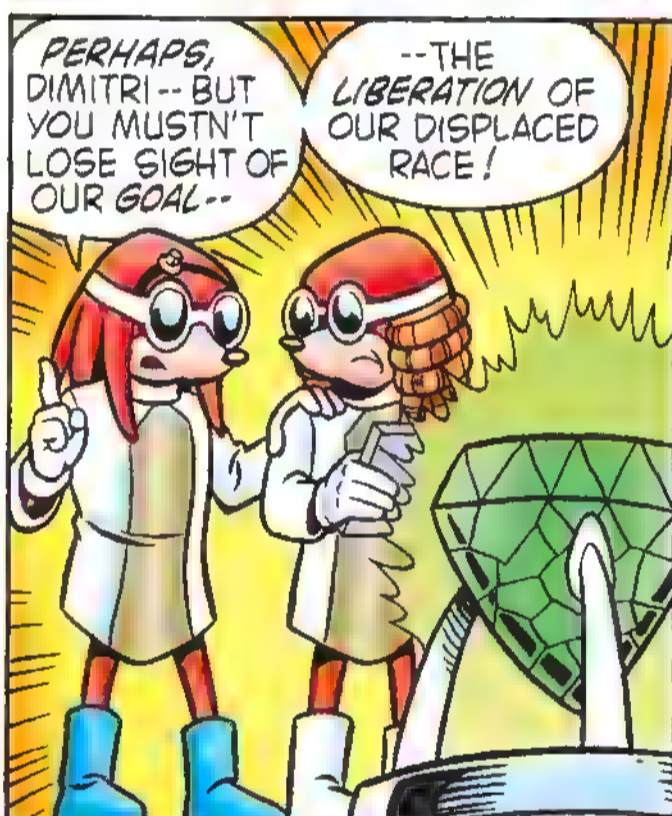
UNCANNY!

PING!
PING!
PING!



AFTER ALL THIS TIME, THE GEMS' ENERGY OUTPUT REMAINS CONSTANT!

SURELY THESE TWELVE "CHAOS EMERALDS" HOLD WITHIN THEM THE KEY TO LIMITLESS, SELF-PERPETUATING POWER!



PERHAPS, DIMITRI-- BUT YOU MUSTN'T LOSE SIGHT OF OUR GOAL--

--THE LIBERATION OF OUR DISPLACED RACE!



SINCE THE COMING OF THE WHITE COMET, ECHIDNA SCIENCE HAS STRIVED TO REGULATE THE EFFECT OF THE EMERALDS-- THAT WE MIGHT AGAIN BECOME ONE WITH THE LAND!

OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN--OUR PRESENTATION IS TODAY!

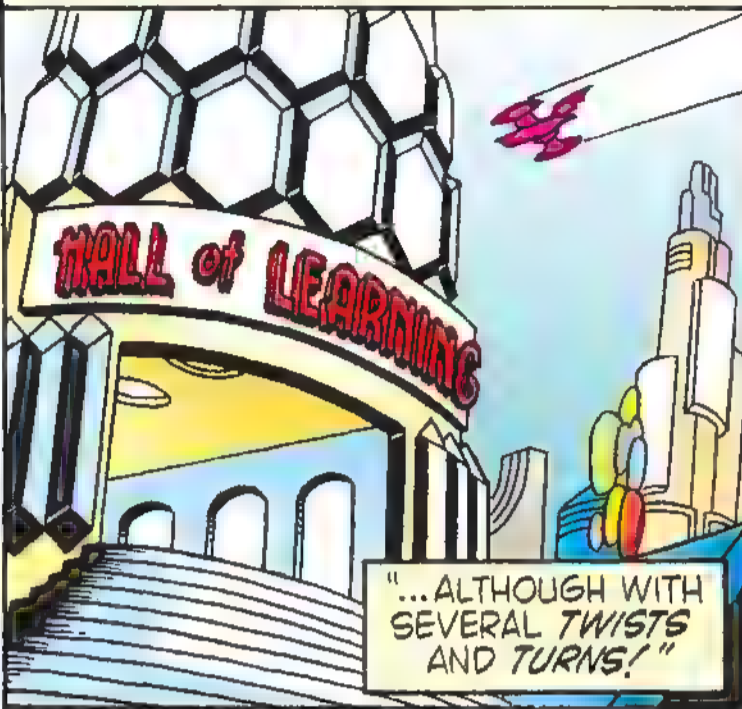


MY APOLOGIES, EDMUND-- I'VE ALREADY COLLECTED THE READINGS WE NEED.

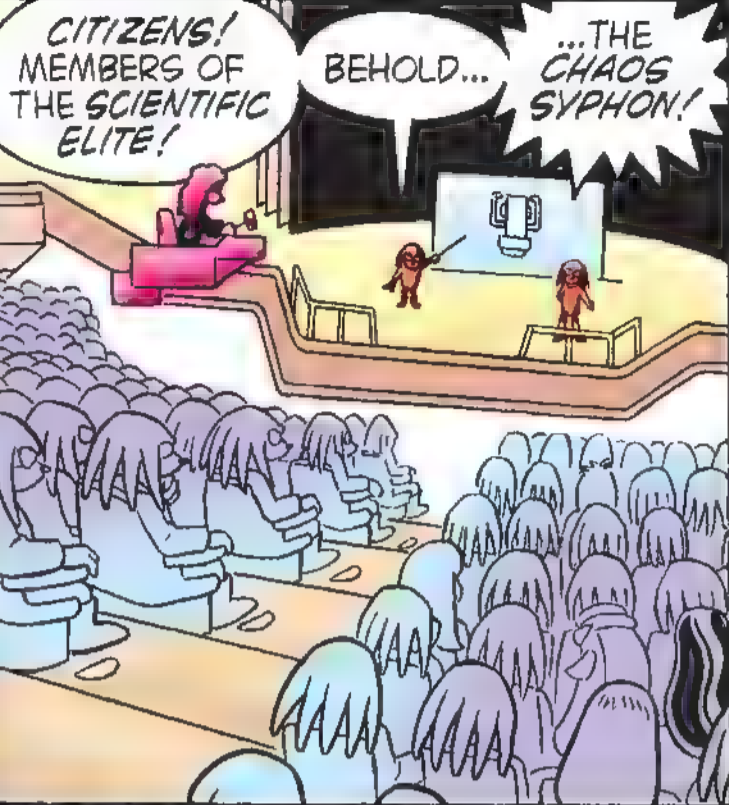
I WAS MERELY...

... LOST IN THOUGHT.

"LATER, IN THE HALL OF LEARNING, HISTORY STOOD POISED TO REPEAT ITSELF..."



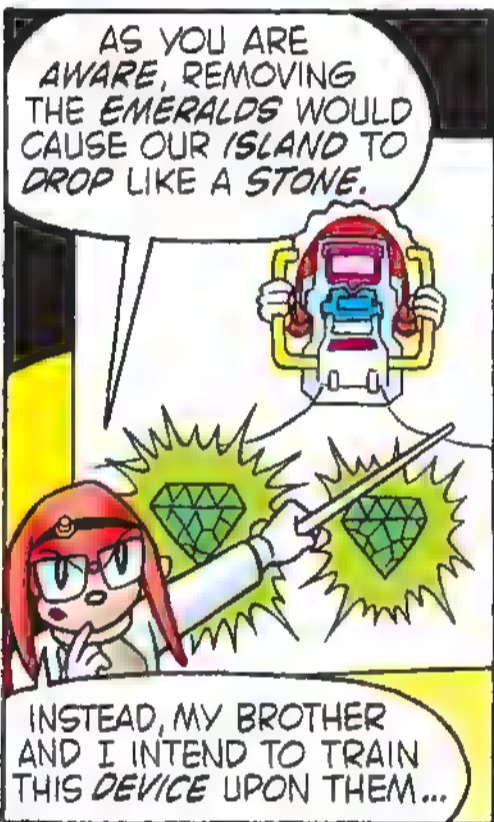
"...ALTHOUGH WITH SEVERAL TWISTS AND TURNS!"



CITIZENS! MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC ELITE!

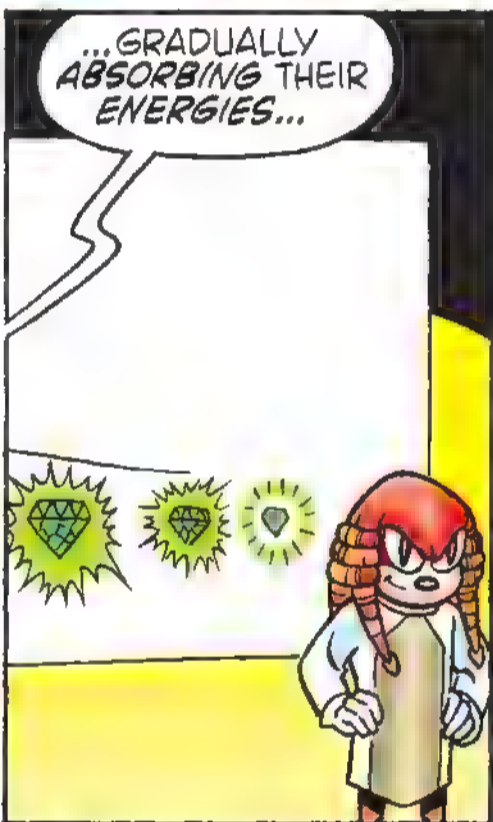
BEHOLD...

...THE CHAOS SYPHON!

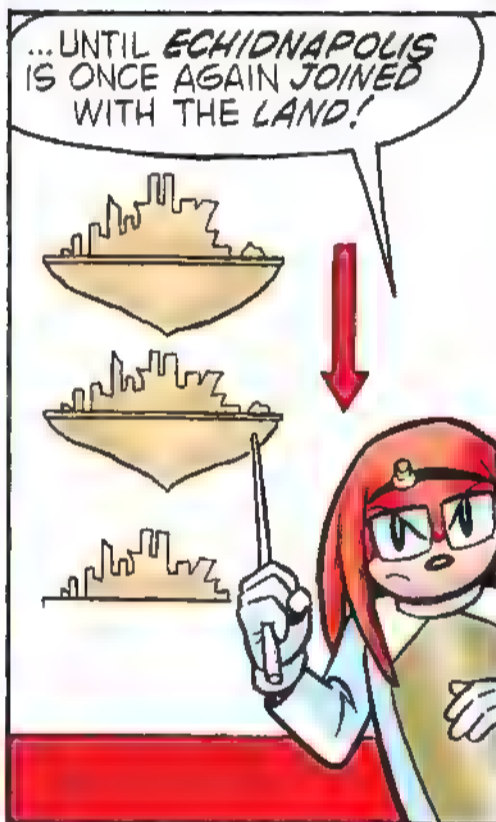


AS YOU ARE AWARE, REMOVING THE EMERALDS WOULD CAUSE OUR ISLAND TO DROP LIKE A STONE.

INSTEAD, MY BROTHER AND I INTEND TO TRAIN THIS DEVICE UPON THEM...



...GRADUALLY ABSORBING THEIR ENERGIES...



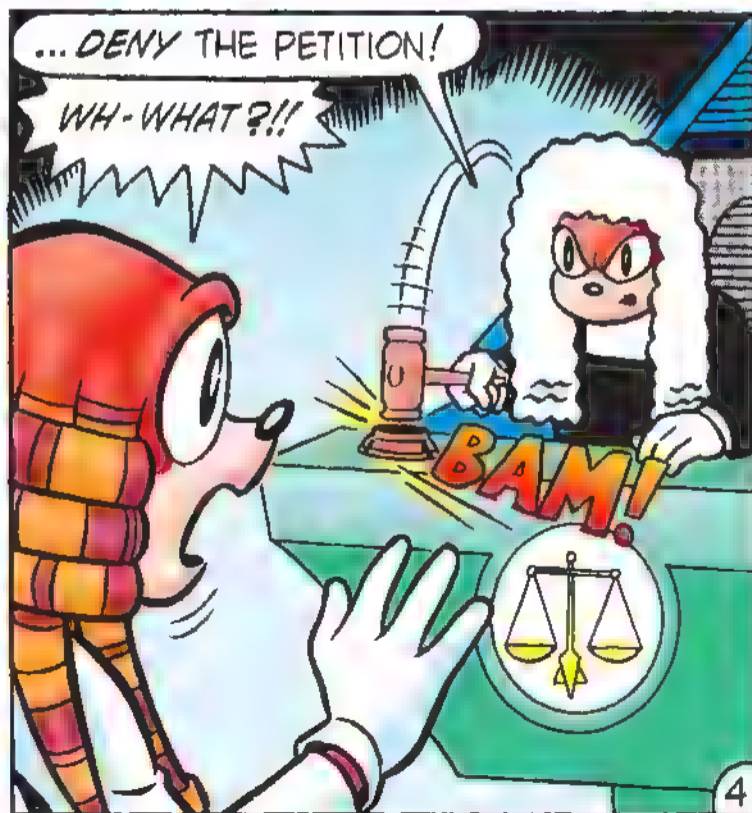
...UNTIL ECHIDNAPOLIS IS ONCE AGAIN JOINED WITH THE LAND!



WELL-SPOKEN, BROTHER!

OUR PROPOSAL IS ELEGANT IN ITS SIMPLICITY!

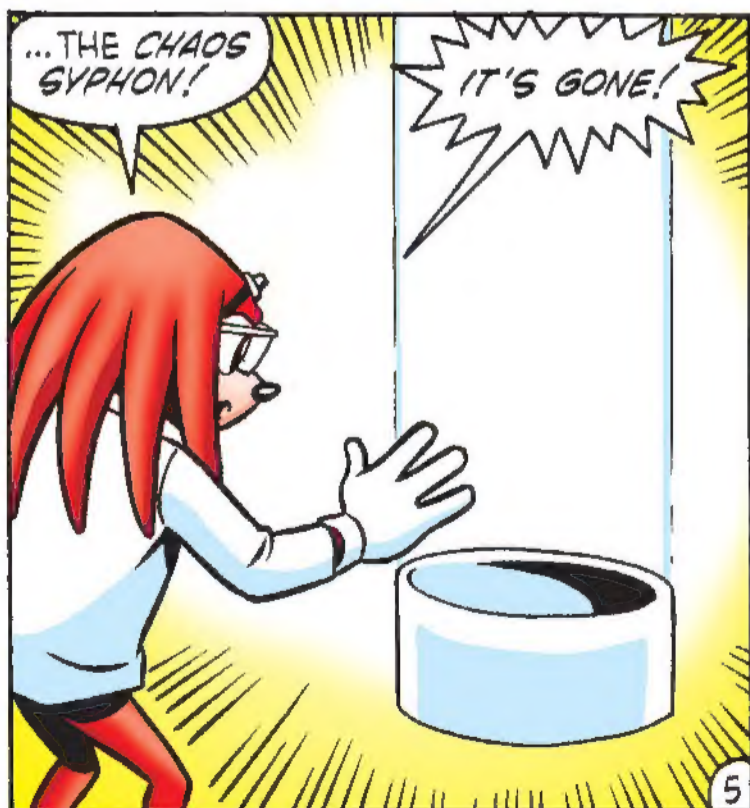
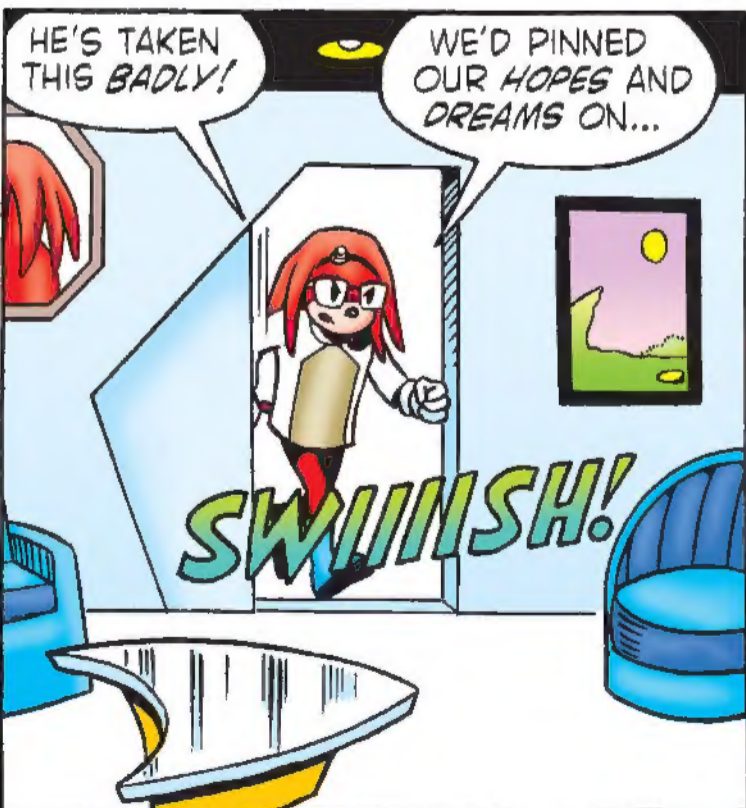
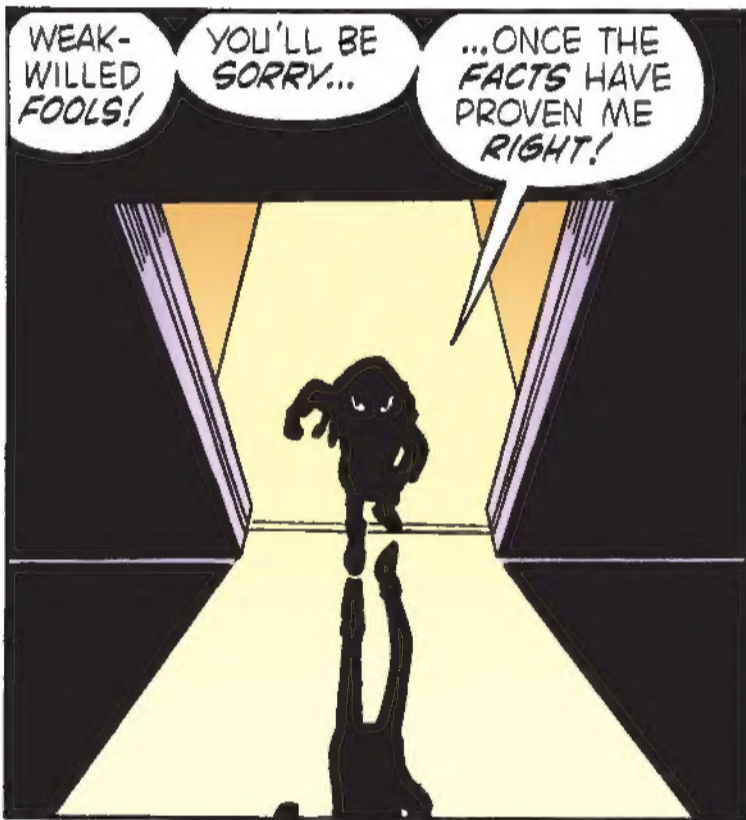
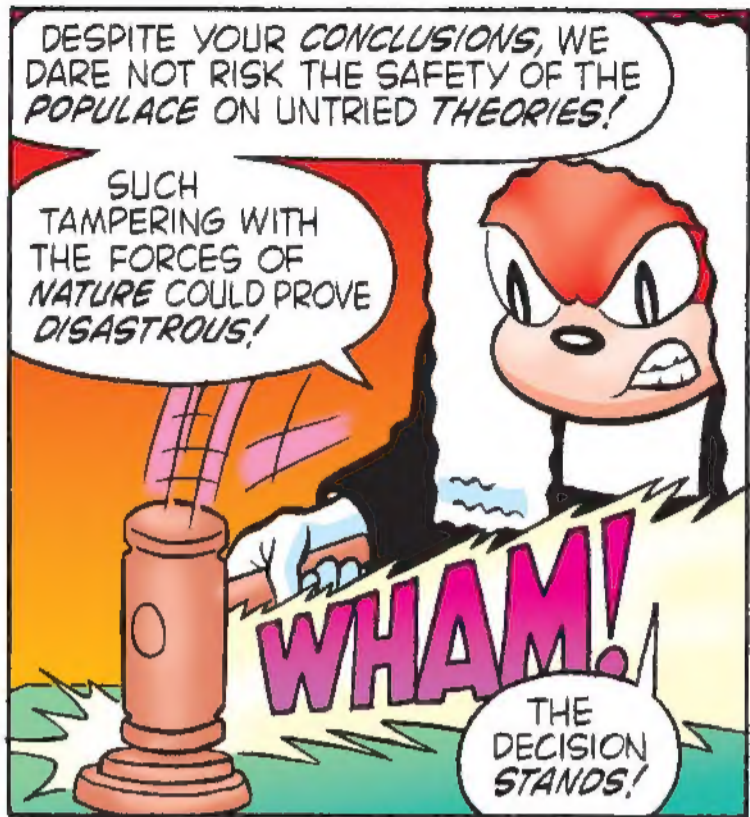
THE ELITE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO--

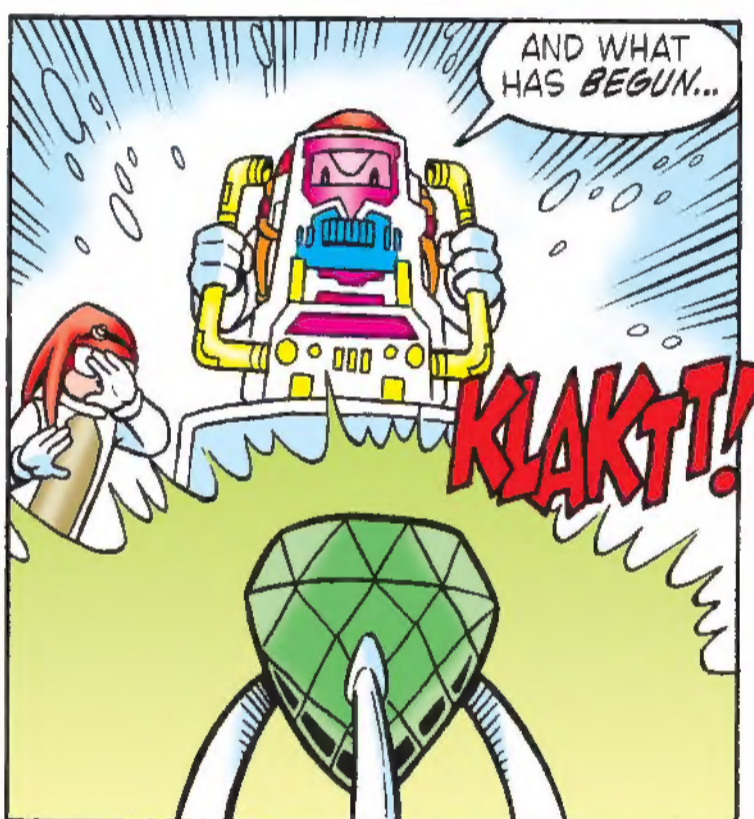
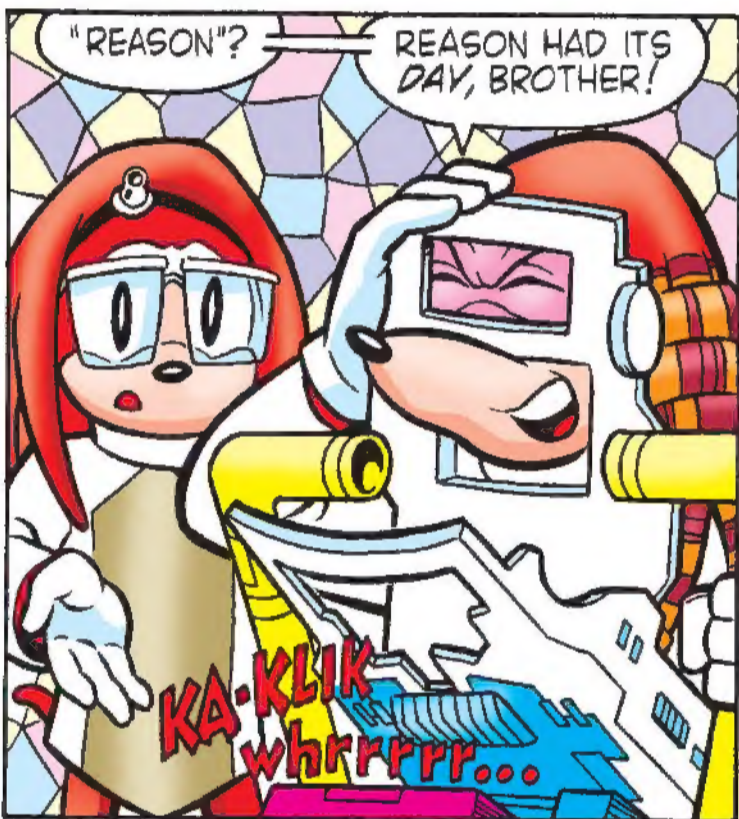
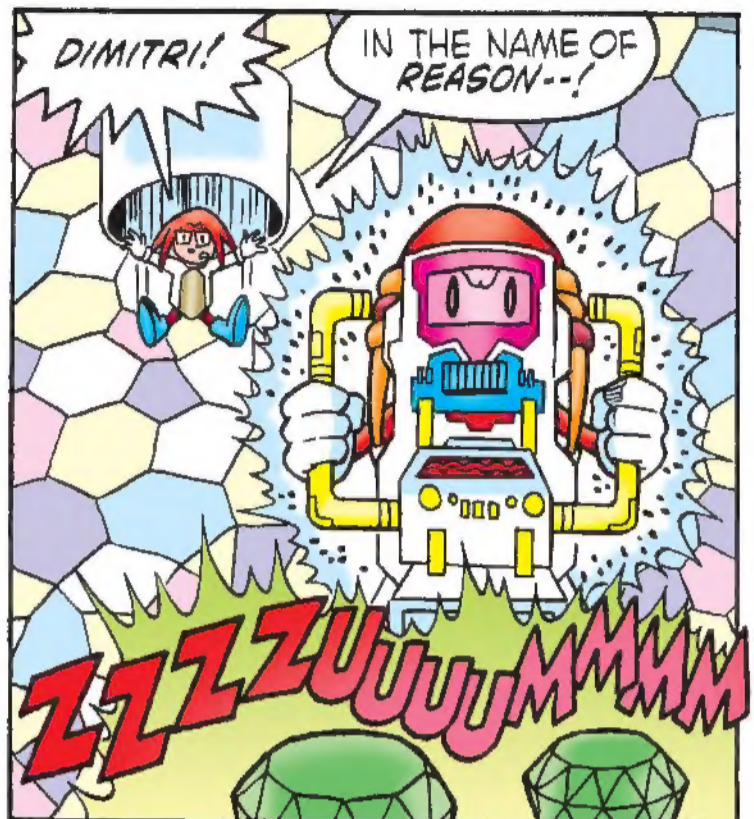
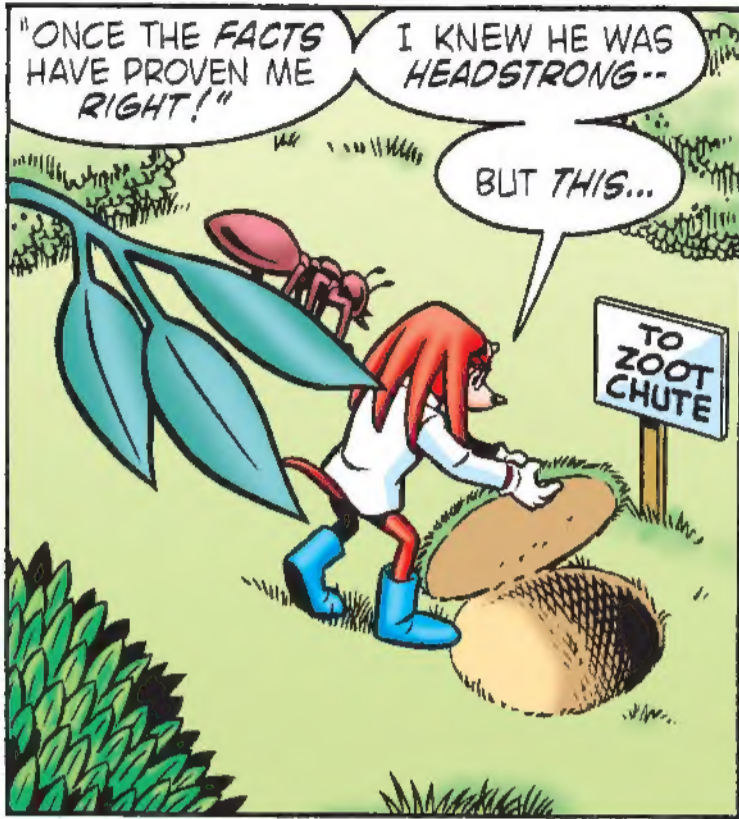


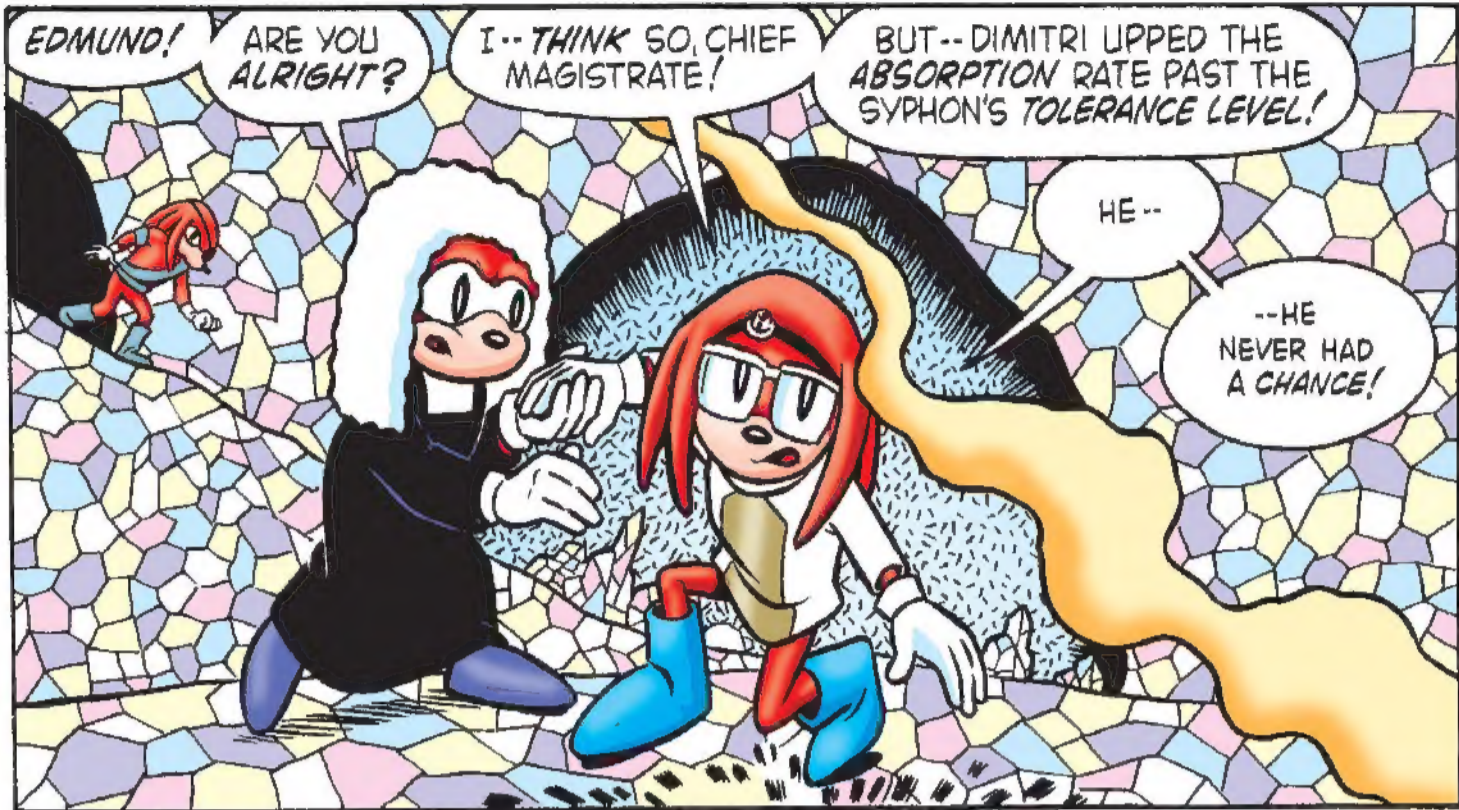
... DENY THE PETITION!

WH-WHAT?!!

BAM!







EDMUND!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

I-- THINK SO, CHIEF MAGISTRATE!

BUT-- DIMITRI LIPPED THE ABSORPTION RATE PAST THE SYPHON'S TOLERANCE LEVEL!

HE--

--HE NEVER HAD A CHANCE!



NEITHER DID THESE GEMS!

NOTHING BUT CHARRED, BLACKENED HUSKS!

THEN-- WHY AREN'T WE FALLING?



THERE'S YOUR ANSWER!

THE LAST OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS!

BUT-- CAN ONLY ONE UPHOLD THE ENTIRE ISLAND?



OF COURSE!

ITS POWER IS INFINITE!

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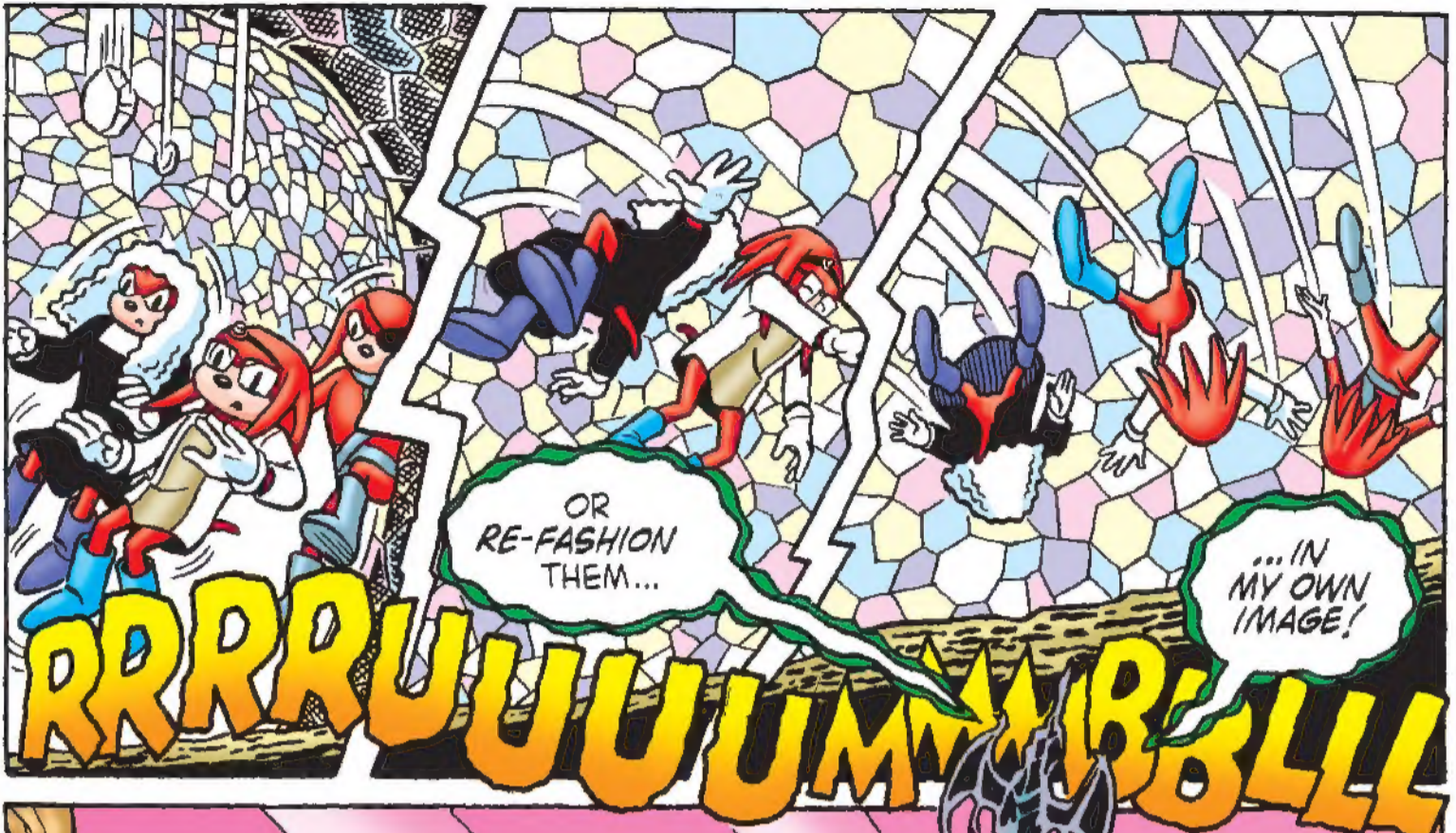
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THE ENERGIES OF ELEVEN SHATTERED CHAOS EMERALDS HOWL WITHIN ME!



POWER ENOUGH TO LAY WORLDS TO WASTE!

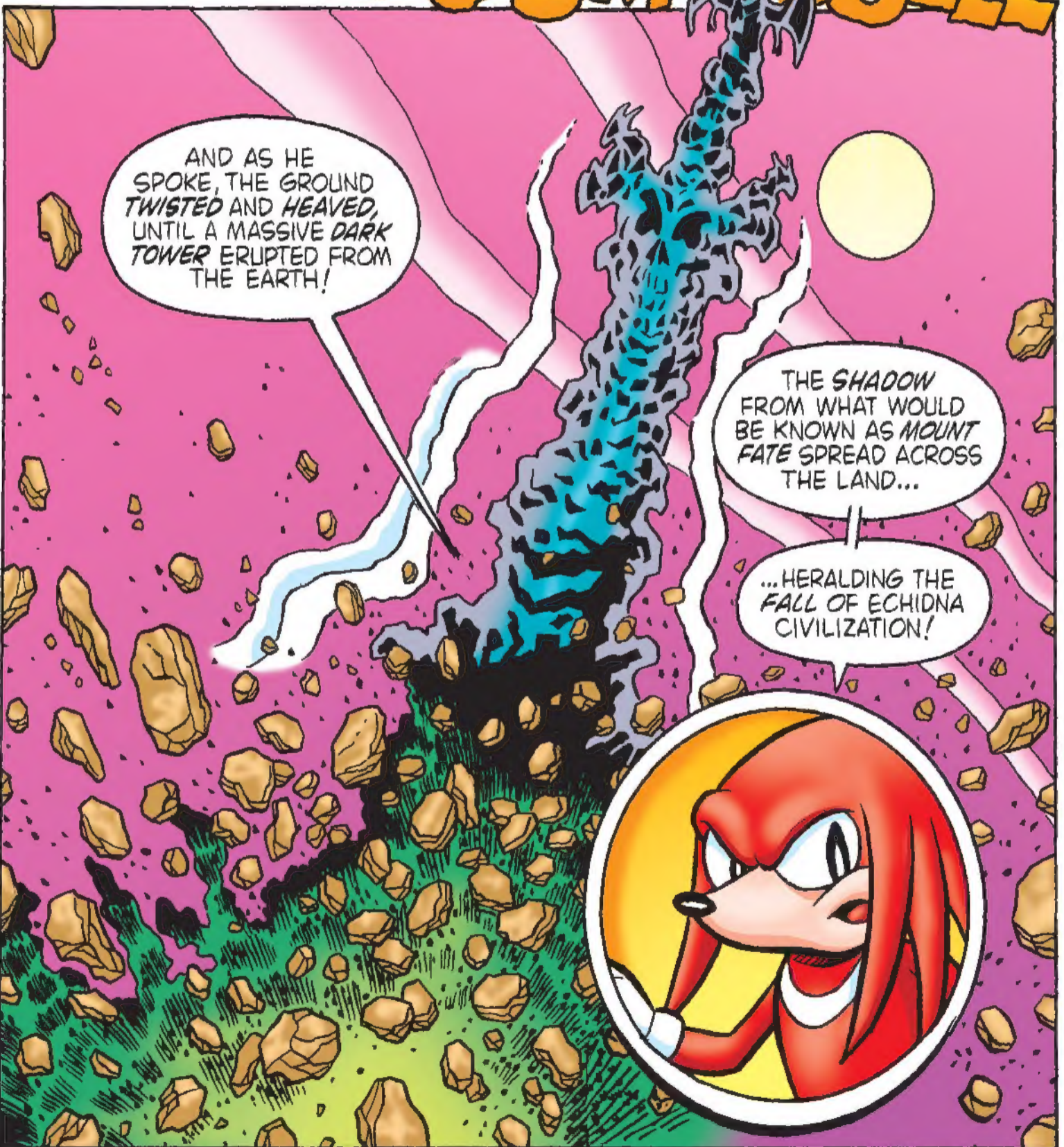
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OR
RE-FASHION
THEM...

... IN
MY OWN
IMAGE!

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AND AS HE
SPOKE, THE GROUND
TWISTED AND HEAVED,
UNTIL A MASSIVE DARK
TOWER ERUPTED FROM
THE EARTH!

THE SHADOW
FROM WHAT WOULD
BE KNOWN AS MOUNT
FATE SPREAD ACROSS
THE LAND...

... HERALDING THE
FALL OF ECHIDNA
CIVILIZATION!

